

Iglesia Ni Cristo In A Nutshell - Doctrines Examined

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IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 1

Introduction to INC – Part 1

By C.R. - July 9 2002

Q: Who is the Iglesia ni Cristo?

A: The Iglesia ni Cristo (INC) also known by its English name as Church of Christ (of Felix Y. Manalo) is a membership religious organization registered as a sole corporation in July 27, 1914, in the Philippines. Members are controlled tightly by its Manalo leader. The corporation's sole owner is Felix Y. Manalo. Currently, it has 223 fully established congregations scattered outside the Philippines which include 134 in the U.S., 11 in Canada, 13 in Japan, 10 in Australia, and congregations in major cities of the world such as Tel-Aviv, Vienna, Brussels, Paris, Hamburg, Rome, Madrid, Athens, Geneva, Auckland, Taipei, Singapore, Bangkok, and Hong Kong.

Q: Who is Felix Y. Manalo?

A: He is the founder and organizer of the Iglesia ni Cristo. He claims to be the angel and Messenger of God in these last days using Revelation 7:2-3 and Revelation 14:9-11. He died in April 12, 1963. Before he died, he installed his son, Erano, to be his successor. Erano G. Manalo (EGM), the current leader, has himself installed his son, Eduardo (EVM) to be the future head of the Iglesia ni Cristo.

Q: What is the religious background of Felix Y. Manalo?

A: According to their official publication, God's Message, Felix Y. Manalo was born as a Catholic in May 10, 1886 in Taguig, Rizal (now part of Metro Manila), in the Philippines. In his boyhood, he lived with his uncle, a Catholic priest in the latter's parish in Sampaloc, Manila. It was there where he discovered a hidden bible which he began reading against the advice of his uncle priest. To his consternation, he found out that the biblical passages reject most of Catholic teachings. As a result, he embarked in a religious odyssey. He converted to the Methodist Episcopal Church. From the Methodist church, he joined the Presbyterian Church and became one of its pastors. Next, he became attracted and converted to another Protestant group called the Christian Missionary Alliance (Disciples of Christ), because of its baptism by immersion. At age 25, continuing his religious odyssey, he joined the Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) and became one of its outstanding evangelists. Because the SDA failed to respond to his query why observance of Sabbath is on Saturdays, he left the SDA in 1913. (Source: God's Message magazine, Jul-Sep 1994, p.10-11).

Q: How did Felix Y. Manalo became a Messenger of God?

A: The following is an excerpt from their magazine God's Message:

"Devine Revelation

In November 1913, Brother Felix locked himself in his dimly-lit room and began poring over all the religious literature he had accumulated. For three days and three nights, he immersed himself in an intensive study and reflection of the doctrines of various churches and compared their beliefs with the Bible. His exhaustive study of religions and the Bible led him to the conclusion that none of the existing churches then remained faithful with the biblical truth. Therefore, none of them is the true religion. His meditations assured him that God was commissioning him to preach the true Church of Christ." (God's Message, Jul-Sep 1994, p.11-12).

Q: What is the life of an Iglesia ni Cristo member?

A: The life of an Iglesia ni Cristo member revolves around these four obligations:

1. To attend without failure the Thursdays and Sundays worship services and the weekly committee prayer meetings;
2. To bear fruits, i.e., be instrumental in converting people to become Iglesia ni Cristo members for as long as one lives;
- 3) To obey the church administration always. The church administration is Erano G. Manalo and his ministers sent to lead the established congregations.
- 4) To contribute to the many offerings:
 - a) Thursdays and Sundays offerings;
 - b) Weekly local fund offerings;

- c) Weekly EGM offerings;
- d) Weekly deposits for the year end thanksgivings;
- c) Monthly District offerings;
- d) Monthly God's Message offerings;
- e) Special Worship offerings;
- f) July Anniversary offerings;
- g) Additional cash to supplement the deposited thanksgiving offerings.

Q: How can one become an Iglesia ni Cristo member?

A: Before one can become a member, he/she must undergo the twenty seven (27) indoctrination lessons of the gospel of Manalo. The Gospel of Manalo is a book of Iglesia doctrines written by Felix Y. Manalo commonly called Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo which is taught typically as one lesson per session per day or per week depending upon available time of the indoctrinee. The INC minister is available for twenty four (24) hours a day except on worship service hours.

After undergoing the 27 indoctrination lessons (The INC, due to the bad connotation, now calls the indoctrination as Bible Studies), the successful indoctrinees must pass a trial period of six months of uninterrupted worship service attendance and committee prayers attendance. Indoctrinees secure slips as proofs of attendance. Having passed the trial period, the prospective convert is baptized in a pool of water by immersion after reciting an oath with raised right hand. Henceforth, the new convert is required to fill out a 201 file (Individual membership record file, assigned a deacon (if male) or deaconess (if female) who becomes his/her overseer/watcher. The new convert also is provided a tag name in the chapel's hallway tagboard. Every time he/she attends the worship service, he/she must flip his/her name. Unflipped tagname will trigger a visitation by his/her assigned deacon/deaconess to ascertain the cause/s of the absence.

Q: What is the INC mandatory worship service?

A: It is a gospel of Manalo doctrine that compels all members not to be absent from the Thursday and Sunday worship service under pains of being thrown by God into the Lake of Fire. Through the trick of isolation of verses, Felix Y. Manalo is able to change the contexts of many verses such as the isolation of Heb. 10:25 from its proper paragraph and attaching the verse to the next paragraph that deals with another topic (Willful Sinning). Thus, by combining Heb.10:25 with Heb. 10:26-27, FYM was able to concoct a mandatory worship service.

Q: What is the Iglesia ni Cristo's Law of Increasing responsibilities?

A: This law teaches that in the Iglesia ni Cristo, obligations, duties, and responsibilities of members increase as time passes. During the early days of the INC, there was only once-a-week worship, which is, on Sundays, but, later on, the Thursday worship was added. Previously, there was only one Thanksgiving Day which was on December, but, as time passed thanksgiving obligation became twice a year on December and July. Also, previously, there was only once a month contributions to the Locale Fund, later, it became weekly. Lately, the family weekly prayer obligation was added. So is the start of a two hour worship service that includes compulsory organization meetings right after worship service.

Q: What is the Committee Prayer?

A: The weekly committee prayer is the gathering of the members that belong to the group of the deacon/deaconess. Usually, the meeting place is the place of residences of the members by rotation. In the gathering, the deacon or deaconess will read the church administration instructions and say prayers for the church generally. Usually, propagation works are discussed as to who has a prospect for conversion. Everybody knows each other in such a small group.

Q: What is the Iglesia ni Cristo compulsory seven days of devotional prayers?

A: It is one of the Gospel of Manalo doctrines that command all officers to go nightly to the chapel to pray consecutively for seven days for sin cleansing. Usually, the following occasions requires the seven days devotional prayers:

- a) Thanksgiving Worship Service on December;
- b) Church Anniversary Thanksgiving Worship on July;
- c) Holy Supper in April or May;
- d) Bible Expositions;
- e) Grand Evangelical Missions;
- f) Other occasions as may be commanded by EGM

IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 2

Introduction to INC – Part 2

By C.R. - July 10 2002

Q: How does an INC congregation rise up?

A: A congregation starts as a committee prayer group of usually two or three members. As the committee group increase in numbers, the INC central office in the Philippines will send a minister to officiate the Thursday and Sunday worship service. Usually, a hall or other convenient place is rented pending the acquisition of a permanent house of worship or chapel. The committee prayer group becomes a congregation upon having its own regular worship service.

Q: How does an INC committee group or congregation start?

A: A committee group or congregation starts in two ways:

1. Member initiative;
2. Central office initiative.

A member initiative is one in which a member goes to another place, city, county, or country, where there is no existing established INC church, starts a committee prayer group in his house or apartment with himself and two or more new acquaintances, or with his family plus family acquaintances. The committee prayer group is like a cell. The cell grows to become a congregation. A central office initiative is one in which an existing INC congregation is broken up into two or three congregations by instructions from the central administration in the Philippines.

Q: How does the INC finance its chapel buildings?

A: The central administration only lends the money to the congregation for buying the chapel building. The members of the congregation pay back the loaned central office money through their weekly thanksgiving deposits. The local congregation does not keep the books to show the status of the loaned money. Usually, the loaned money is paid off in three to five years.

Q: What are the techniques employed by the Iglesia ni Cristo in luring anyone to become an indoctrinee?

A: Members get reminded of their sworn duty to bear fruits during the compulsory worship services. Members heeding the reminders will invite their relatives, friends, and acquaintances, to the weekly bible expositions or the monthly grand evangelical missions. As visitors are herded into the Iglesia ni Cristo chapels, it becomes the part of the minister to turn the visitors into converts. The Iglesia ministers are trained for years in the Philippines by Manalo in the art of seducing people to become a member. Subtle scaring is mostly employed at the initial phase. Coupled by the inviters show of friendships (love bombings), the visitors will be swept off their feet to undergo their so-called bible studies.

Q: What other techniques are employed by the Iglesia ni Cristo to have a continuous supply of indoctrinees?

A: 1. Use of the Manalo created organizations such as the Buklod, Kadiwa, Binhi, Light of Salvation, Edification, Adult and Junior Choirs, Records, Finance, Area Groups, deacons and deaconess. All officers of these organizations are also officers of the church. Being officers, they are required to have annual oath taking or annual reaffirmations of their oaths. All these organizations have their respective meetings and agendas. All these officers receive no compensations whatsoever in doing their work for the Iglesia ni Cristo. Usually, more than 50% of the members of the congregation are officers. It is always reminded that being an officer is a virtue that all should strive for. These officers are being marshaled by the resident minister to work in getting new indoctrinees.

2. Use of devotional prayers - One week before the scheduled bible exposition (B.E.) or grand evangelical mission (G.E.M.), the officers are required to do seven days devotional prayers nightly in the chapel. Attendance is monitored through signing an attendance sheet next to one's officer's name. Ostensibly, the aim of the devotional prayer is to harness the powers of God so that people will heed the invitations.

3. Use of committee prayer groups - The congregation is split into areas. The respective areas are themselves split into groups of seven or less members under the tutelage of a deacon or deaconess. In the committee group meeting, the agenda of the church administration is brought out.

These are agendas which could not be brought out in the regular worship service gathering. Members are asked how many visitors he/she is bringing to the bible exposition.

4. Use of the God's Message magazine - Each member buys this magazine (currently the price is \$2.50 each issue). Usually members buy two, one for self and one for his/her prospective visitor or prospect.

5. Use of television programs, radios, and video productions.

6. Use of social projects such as cleaning of public parks, blood donations, food donations to victims of calamities. The financial aspects of these projects are shouldered by the members themselves. It is believed the INC church does not dole out monies for any of these projects. The INC refuses to divulge the uses of its incomes.

Q: What are the verses being used by the Iglesia ni Cristo to scare people into becoming an indoctrinee?

A: 1. The Judgment Day.....Heb.9:27. 2 Pet.3:7;

2. Two kinds of resurrection..Jn.5:28-29, 1 Thes.4:16; Rev. 10:6-7;

3. All men are sinners...Rom. 5:12; 6:23

4. Penalty for sinners is second death in the lake of fire..Rev. 20:14;

5. Remedy is joining the INC..Rom.8:1 (NKJV); Eph.2:15 (NKJV); Col.1:18 (NKJV); Acts 20:28 (Lamsa)

Q: What are the Iglesia ni Cristo terms and words of expression and their meanings?

A: The followings words and phrases are commonly used in the Iglesia ni Cristo and their corresponding meanings:

1) Cold - One who seldom attends the worship services. Cold applies also to anyone who seldom attends the organizational meetings.

2) Fruit - A convert to the Iglesia ni Cristo faith. It could also apply to a newly recruited church officer;

3) Sheep - Every member is a sheep being tended by his or her respective deacon/deaconess;

4) Branch - Every member of the INC is a branch (of the vine). The vine here is understood to be the Iglesia ni Cristo. It is said that when a member does not bear fruit, or does not remain member of the INC church, he/she is cast as a branch, is withered, and gathered to be thrown into the lake of fire;

5) Gift - The office, position or duty that a member is recruited to possess or occupy. It is said that when a member is recruited to an officer position, that is a gift given by God. Since it is God who has given the gift, the member has no right to terminate or resign from such position. It is only God who can terminate or take back the gift.

6) Citizens of heaven - All members of the Iglesia ni Cristo are citizens of heaven. As citizens of heaven, their allegiance is to the messenger of God of heaven which is no other than Felix Y. Manalo and his duly appointed successor.

7) Body - the word "body" wherever it could be found in the Bible refers to the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ (of FYM).

8) Church - the word "church" (not capitalized) wherever it could be found in the Bible refers to the Church of Christ (of FYM) or Iglesia ni Cristo.

9) Saints - Refers to all members of the Iglesia ni Cristo.

10) Angel (or "sugo") - Refers to Felix Y. Manalo, the founder of the Iglesia ni Cristo church.

11) Drawing back - Refers to the act of any member who starts to miss the worship service on Thursday or Sunday. Refers also to those who are leaving the Iglesia ni Cristo faith and going back to their original faiths as Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, etc. It is always reminded in the worship service that anyone who draws back will not please God and will subject the transgressor to punishment in the lake of fire. As it is

said, one who draws back is like a dog that goes to its own vomit, or a pig that goes to wallow in the mud after being cleaned. Also, one who goes back to their former religion will result in the severest condition because the evil inside the Ex-INC will invite seven more evils to inhabit the traitor. Drawing back also applies to any officer who does not fulfill his sworn duties. Drawing back can also be incurred if your money thanksgivings for the year have decreased from what you have offered last year.

12) Share - This word is found in the Bible (particularly Heb. 13:16 or 1 Tim.6:18) means sharing the Iglesia ni Cristo faith. It also means sharing your monies to the church for its many projects.

13) Third group - Refers to the Iglesia ni Cristo group that has the promise of salvation as provided in Act 2:39 NKJV). Accordingly, the first group is the Jews; the second group is the Gentiles. According to Felix Y. Manalo, the first two groups (Jews and Gentiles) were no longer the people of God because both have departed from the true faith- the Jews became idolatrous, while the Gentiles (first century Christians) listened to doctrines of demons and converted to Catholicism & Protestantism.

14) Lake of fire - This is the second death punishment for sinners who do not want to become Iglesia ni Cristo members. This punishment is also given to Iglesia members who had left the Iglesia ni Cristo faith. Missing alone one worship service will incur this punishment for any erring Iglesia member.

15) In the flesh - Refers to members who indulge in sinful lives. It is always reminded in the worship service that members renew their sinful lives otherwise they too will be consigned into the lake of fire. Having a non member boyfriend or girlfriend is considered as being in the flesh. Too much love for money is also a sin in the flesh.

16) Annual December Thanksgiving - This is one of the delicate worship services. As such, it requires the seven day devotional prayers by members. In this worship service, each one, adult, youth, and babies, must have his/her envelope stuffed with monies. Members are required to have one year preparation accomplished by making weekly Sunday deposits starting from the first Sunday of January through the second Sunday of December. A token check for the total amount deposited is given to the member depositor in exchange for the surrendering of the deposit booklet. The token check will be placed in the thanksgiving envelope. Since the Thanksgiving Day is the third Sunday of December, the deficiency of the deposits will be covered up by adding cash, money orders, or bank checks. Personal checks are discouraged unless the brother/sister is sure of sufficiency of funds in the bank. The members must thank God for calling them to become members of the Church of Christ. According to Manalo, the members must thank God for many things such as: Most important of all is for remaining as members inside the Iglesia ni Cristo, for being alive, for being freed from mishaps, sickness, and other calamities, for receiving many blessings such as the jobs, the possessions, and properties they own..

17) July Anniversary Thanksgiving- This is another delicate worship service to commemorate the founding of the Iglesia ni Cristo by Felix Y. Manalo. It is also the commemoration and praise of Felix Y. Manalo, whose commissioning by God lead to the rebirth of the first century church established by Jesus Christ. The members must have the envelope stuffed with monies to thank God for the progress of the Church.

18) Holy Supper - Is another delicate worship service that demands seven days nightly devotional prayers. The highlights of this service besides the parading of the choir members and the eating of the tiny (1/2 inch diameter) toasted bread, the drinking of the one tablespoon of grape juice, is the raising of the right hand in an oath to proclaim the Lord's death. Proclaiming the Lord's death (1 Cor.11:26 NKJV) means doing propagation works or getting new converts.

19) Block voting - Refers to the practice of selecting for the members the names whom to vote during election time. Political candidates usually troop to the Iglesia ni Cristo mansion to gain the support of Erano G. Manalo. Candidates are queried what they can do for the Iglesia ni Cristo. Successful candidates are written in a sample ballot paper to be distributed in the Committee prayer meetings of Iglesia ni Cristo groups. The sample ballot is secretly brought by the member to be copied into the official ballot inside the voting booth. Members who don't unify with the chosen candidates are warned of expulsion from the church.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 3
Lesson 1 - The Bible, Lesson 2 - The true God, Lesson 3 - The true religion
By C.R. - July 18 2002

Q: What is the Gospel of Manalo?

A: The Gospel of Manalo is the book of doctrines conceived and written by Felix Y. Manalo as revised by his son Erano G. Manalo which serves as the basis of faith in the Iglesia ni Cristo. This book commonly called Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo delineates the twenty seven (27) doctrines or lessons comprising the Manalo gospel which must be accepted, believed, and sworn for their obedience, before anyone can become an Iglesia ni Cristo member. The Iglesia ni Cristo now calls this preaching of these Manalo gospel doctrines as bible studies.

Q: Why is the Gospel of Manalo able to control people?

A: The Gospel of Manalo uses the technique called Classical Conditioning. In classical conditioning, you can condition, train, or control anyone to do what you want, provided you feed your victim with accessory bait and provided that such teaching and accessory bait have been given to your victim repeatedly for an extended period of time. When the worship service of the Iglesia ni Cristo is of the same topic preached repeatedly, it is in line with the repetition principle of classical conditioning.

Psychology Book Example of Classical Conditioning:

Mind conditioner.....Pavlov

Animal to be conditioned.....A dog

What Pavlov wants the dog to do? To salivate (detected by use of inserted instrument)

Two things needed to condition the dog: 1) Bell 2) Meat powder as bait.

Application:

Every time Pavlov rings the bell, the bell is accompanied by giving the dog the meat powder. Pavlov does this repeatedly to train or condition the dog. After several ringing and dispensing of the meat powder, the dog is now trained (or conditioned). Pavlov rings the bell but without the accessory meat powder. Result: The dog salivates upon hearing the bell even without the meat powder. Conclusion: The dog is already conditioned to accept that the bell means meat powder.

The INC Application of Classical Conditioning:

Mind Conditioner.....Felix Manalo (or INC minister);

Animal to be trained.....Visitor or Prospect;

What FYM or INC minister wants the visitor to do: To enroll in the INC free bible study;

Two things needed to condition the visitor....1) Gospel of Manalo, and 2) The Bible (as bait).

Application:

In the bible exposition, every time the INC minister teaches the gospel of Manalo, it is accompanied by reading the Bible. In the entire session, the two things (Manalo gospel plus Bible bait) are being repeated again and again. At the end of the session, the visitor is impressed that the Iglesia ni Cristo is a Bible based church. Conclusion: The visitor is already conditioned to become a Bible student or indoctrinee.

The Iglesia ni Cristo's technique of classical conditioning (brain washing in modern parlance) is being applied notoriously in the Iglesia mandatory worship services on Thursdays and Sundays. FYM can't afford that members miss the conditioning sessions or else he will lose hold on them. For every goal that Manalo desires, he pushes the members through the use of bait. The mind is susceptible to be trained and to be conditioned to accept and do anything if pushed by bait and if done regularly and repeatedly.

Q: What is Number 1 of Gospel of Manalo doctrine and what is its fallacy?

A: An excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 1 follows:

"LESSON NO.1 - The Bible

Summary of the lesson: The Church of Christ adheres to the belief that the words of God are written only in the Bible. The Bible should be the only basis of service to God. This is the truth which will teach man salvation from punishment on Judgment Day. Thus, each member of the Iglesia Ni Cristo should give value to the teachings of God written in the Bible by fulfilling them in his life." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo, Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.1).

The fallacy of Doctrine Lesson No. 1:

The Iglesia ni Cristo contradicts their own doctrine. In actuality, the INC does not observe the Bible as written. Nor to them is the Bible the only basis for service to God. The INC does not truly subscribe to the idea that the Bible teaches the entire or complete truth about salvation.

Doctrine Lesson No. 11 or ten lessons away, creates a contradiction of Lesson 1 because in that lesson, Felix Y. Manalo is given the mysteries and secrets of the Bible. This means that FYM is higher than the Bible. Only the interpretations of Felix Y. Manalo are correct. This makes the Bible subservient to FYM. In another rebuff to Doctrine Lesson 1 is Lessons 3 & 4 which basically changes Lesson 1 in that it is the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo (not the Bible) that saves man from punishment on Judgment Day.

Q: What is the Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 2 and what is its fallacy?

A: An excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine 2 follows:

"LESSON NO. 2 - The true God

Summary of the lesson: The Iglesia ni Cristo believes in the teachings taught by the Bible that the Father who created all things is the only true God. There are not three persons in one God; thus, reject the belief in the so-called Trinity. The Bible also prohibits worship of images or idolatry." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo, Erano G. Manalo (1989), p.4).

The fallacy of Doctrine Lesson 2:

The Iglesia ni Cristo lies that it is only the Father who is the true God, or that the Father is the only one who created all things. The truth is that the Father as well as the Son Jesus Christ has created all things. This was testified by Apostle John:

"He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." (Jn.1:2-3 NKJV)

Therefore, the Bible teaches Jesus Christ is co-creator of all things. Jesus Christ was in the beginning with God. That all things were made through Jesus Christ and without Jesus Christ nothing was made that was made. This teaching of Apostle John is corroborated by Apostle Paul:

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or domination, or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him." (Col. 1:15-16 NKJV)

Therefore, Jesus Christ also created all things. This is the true gospel taught by the apostles.

The Manalo doctrine that it is the Father who is the true God is false. Jesus Christ is also God as attested in Heb.1:8-9:

"But to the Son He says: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness, Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions." (Heb.1:8-9 NKJV).

It is the Father who is calling His Son, "O God". The denial of this Bible fact by Felix Y. Manalo is proof that Manalo does not respect the Bible or God at all. This trait of disrespect to God could only come from a source not of and contrary to God. The INC is another religion based on Aryanism.

Felix Y. Manalo also lies about the non existence of the Trinity. The Bible is replete with many verses that testify of the existence of the Trinity or the three compositions of the one God. The following verses teach the Trinity: Matthew 28:19-20; Genesis 1:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14. The Trinity word in the Bible is called Godhead (Rom.1:20 NKJV, Col.2:9 NKJV).

The mirroring of the Trinity on man based on the Bible that man was created in the image of God is the tripartite composition of man. We all know that man has three compositions namely, body, soul, and spirit (1 Thes.5:23). This man's image source is God's, therefore; God has three compositions which we all know as the Father, Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The body represents Christ, the soul represents Father, and spirit represents the Holy Spirit. The fact that man is deemed only one man despite that he actually has three compositions, therefore, though God having three compositions is only one God.

(For a further in-depth study on the plurality of God please visit www.dk777.com)

Q: What is the Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No.3 and what is its fallacy?

A: An excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine 3 follows:

"LESSON NO. 3 - The true religion

Summary of the Lesson: The commonly accepted belief that all churches belong to God is false. Christ founded only one true Church--the Church of Christ (Iglesia ni Cristo). Therefore, we value the Church because herein are we able to do the kind of service acceptable to God and through which we shall be saved." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo, Erano G. Manalo (1989), p.8).

The fallacy of Doctrine Lesson 3:

This Manalo gospel teaching that it is the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo is the true religion and through which we can be saved is false. The truth in the Bible is that it is only the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth who was given by God for salvation of all men and there is no other name given under heaven except the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:10-12).

Furthermore, Jesus Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (Jn.14:6 NKJV). Because of this, the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ is the wrong way, a false religion, and will lead to death and not life because it does not conform to the gospel of Christ. What FYM had done is that he made another gospel called the Gospel of Manalo. Any church or religion that places the focus of salvation upon them and not solely upon Jesus Christ is false and unbiblical.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 4
Lesson 4 - The Church of Christ, Lesson 5 - History of the Church in the first century
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Q: Why is hearing the Gospel of Manalo like being led into an endless ravine with no escape?

A: Anyone who is coerced into undergoing the so-called "bible studies" is actually undergoing indoctrination of the gospel of Manalo. The gospel of Manalo is arranged in such a way that the more lessons you hear, the more difficult it is for you to get out. The first few lessons strip you of your beliefs and rational thought. Next, Manalo will provide you with the standard Iglesia ni Cristo uniform to wear at all times bringing you into the flock of the Iglesia ni Cristo. The mind controlling techniques of the Iglesia ni Cristo are very effective and powerful. It is only by the grace of God that a long time INC member is able to break out of the chains of the Iglesia ni Cristo. With the power of God, all of those who are willing may be able to recognize the truth of God. However it requires the individual to test what they are being told to believe by the Word of God. This is something that Iglesia ni Cristo members are discouraged to do.

Q: What are the twenty seven (27) doctrines that comprise the Gospel of Manalo?

A: The Gospel of Manalo doctrines are the following:

- Lesson 1 - The Bible
- Lesson 2 - The true God
- Lesson 3 - The true religion
- Lesson 4 - The Church of Christ
- Lesson 5 - History of the church built by Christ in the first century
- Lesson 6 - Proofs that the apostasy of the first century Church of Christ took place
- Lesson 7 - The origin of other churches
- Lesson 8 - Not by faith only
- Lesson 9 - One organized church
- Lesson 10- The Church of Christ in the Philippines
- Lesson 11- Brother Felix Y. Manalo: God's Messenger in the last days
- Lesson 12- The promise for those who endure persecution
- Lesson 13- Membership in the Church of Christ
- Lesson 14- The Lord Jesus Christ, Part 1
- Lesson 15- The Lord Jesus Christ, Part 2
- Lesson 16- The Lord Jesus Christ, Part 3
- Lesson 17- Leading a new life
- Lesson 18- Worship services
- Lesson 19- Our voluntary contribution
- Lesson 20- The brotherhood
- Lesson 21- Other prohibitions
- Lesson 22- On baptism
- Lesson 23- Missionary work and praying
- Lesson 24- The church administration
- Lesson 25- Unity
- Lesson 26- Judgment Day
- Lesson 27- Overall instructions

Gospel of Manalo Lessons 1 through 9 is the process of tearing down the indoctrinee of all his/her religious beliefs and personal thinking. Lessons 10 through 25 is the process of conditioning and reprogramming the indoctrinee with the Gospel of Manalo, controlling the mind and soul. Lesson 26 is the apple, the nirvana, the prize, that the convert will get conditionally depending on his/her attitude, works, deeds and obedience exhibited while inside the Iglesia ni Cristo. Lesson 27 summarizes all the Gospel of Manalo doctrines including monitoring the convert's attendance in the worship services throughout his/her lifetime.

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 4, and what is its fallacy?

A: An excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 4 follows:

"LESSON NO.4 - The Church of Christ

Summary: Although many people know that the Savior is Jesus Christ, they still do not know how Christ affects the saving act and which Church He will save. The Church of Christ is the Church that He will save (Acts 20:28 Lamsa Translation) because He made this Church His body and heads it Himself -- before God, the Church and Christ are one new man Eph.2:15 (NKJV); Col.1:18 (NKJV). This is the reason why Christ is able to answer for the sins of His Church without violating God's law, that whoever commits a sin, the same must die for that sin (Dt.24:16). Hence, false is the belief that salvation can be attained by means of faith in Christ alone even without membership in the Church of Christ. The Church is necessary not because it saves but because it is the entity that Christ will save (Eph.5:23 TEV)." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ) Erano G. Manalo (1989), p.12)

The Fallacy of Doctrine Lesson 4:

This doctrine hinges on Ephesians 2:15 New King James Version and Colossians 1:18 of the same Bible version that are being perverted by Manalo and his son Erano. Let's read these verses:

"having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace." (Eph.2:15 NKJV)

"And He is the head of the body, the church," (Col.1:18 NKJV)

How Manalo perverts the verses:

The one new man created from the "two" mentioned in the Ephesian verse is being perverted as the head and body as mentioned in the Colossians verse. Take note that Manalo uses only a part of the Colossian verse.

The truth of the matter is the Ephesian verse says, ".create in Himself..," therefore; Christ did not create a separate body. The body is His own self. What Manalo had done is he had created a separate body called Church of Christ body. This Church of Christ body is not the body created by Christ.

What is the reason why the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo is not the body created by Christ? The reason is because the body is not composed of only two parts. The notion that the body is composed of only two parts (head and body) is a lie because the whole body is composed of many parts. Let us read this:

"For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? (1 Cor.12:14-17 NKJV)

Therefore, the truth is that the body is composed of many parts. It is not of only two parts as taught by Manalo. Take note that the ears and eyes are parts of the body. This means, the body already includes the head. If the body is not composed of only two parts, why did Apostle Paul say Christ create in Himself one new man from the "two"? Which "two" are these? If we will read the upper verses of the Ephesian verse we will know that the "two" are no other than the Gentiles (Eph.2:11) and Jews or Israel (Eph. 2:12). Try to ask any Iglesia minister why he will not use the Today's English Version or the New Living Translation? Let's read the Today's English Version:

"He abolished the Jewish Law with its commandments and rules, in order to create out of the two races one new people in union with himself, in this way making peace." (Eph.2:15 TEV).

The "two" pertains to the two races. These two races are no other than the Jews and Gentiles. The Jews and Gentiles, by reason of becoming new creatures in Christ, have become one in Christ and their circumcision and uncircumcision status avails anything (Gal.6:15).

The Colossian verse (Col.1:18) is being used by Manalo as a support to his false doctrine that Christ is the head of the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ. Take note that what is written in that verse or in Eph. 5:23 is "church" not "Church." The word "church" (small letter "c") does not apply to any one local assembly or to any one particular religious organization, but to all believers (1 Cor.12:27;Rom.12:5).

To what is Christ made head of? If we will read Eph.1:22 NKJV, God gave Christ to be HEAD OVER ALL THINGS to the church because He put all things under His feet.

Another unbiblical teaching of Manalo:

According to Manalo, Christ established the one new man (with Himself as head and the body as the Church of Christ) in order not to violate God's law in Deuteronomy 14:16 (No one can pay for the sins of another). According to Manalo, when Christ made the Church of Christ His body (this is false because Christ never created a separate body), He is no longer violating God's law because He is not paying for the sins of another person, but is only paying for his own sin, i.e., the sins of the Church of Christ which became His body. Manalo's usual example of his doctrine is this:

"If a man shoots somebody dead, who do you think should be punished? Is it the head or the finger that did the pulling of trigger? Can you tell the judge, "Okay, I am surrendering my finger, punish him," no, it is the head who will be punished."

Filipinos who don't think about this absurd example are the ones easily taken by this trick of Manalo. The absurdity of the example is that, since the head should be punished, why not imprison just the head to be in accord with Manalo's doctrine that the head suffers for sins of his body? The truth is the body suffers with the head. The body can not be detached from the head or else both will die. In other words, Manalo is teaching a Frankenstein Christ.

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Lesson 5, and what is its fallacy?

A: An excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 5 follows:

"LESSON NO. 5 - History of the Church built by Christ in the first century

Summary: The Church built by Christ during the first century was apostatized (Acts 20:29). This was led away by false prophets which arose in the Church after the time of the Apostles (Mt.24:11 RSV), and those who remained firm in the faith were slain by ravenous wolves (Mt.7:15). The fulfillment of the prophesied false teachers who will lead the Church away are the Catholic priests. They introduced false teachings (1 Tim.4:1,3) into the Church until the Church became the Catholic Church--a church essentially different from the Church of Christ as described in the Bible." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo (1989), p. 16)

The fallacy of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 5:

The name Church of Christ is not found anywhere in the Bible. It is only the Lamsa Translation of Acts 20:28 where you can find an almost similar name, but not quite. In the Lamsa, what is written there is only "church of Christ" (a common noun). The correct translation of Acts 20:28 as found in familiar Bible versions such as King James, is "church of God," which is the correct translation of the Greek "ekklesia tou Dieu." Why can't we find the name Church of Christ (proper noun) in the Bible? The reason is because the name of the church established by Christ in the first century is called the "Way." This proper noun name is what is written in the Acts of the Apostles. Let's read one of these verses:

"Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem." (Acts 9:1-2 NKJV)

Therefore, the name of the church established by Christ in the first century is called "Way". This organization during the Apostles' time is widely known as a sect. Let's read this:

"But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my Fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the prophets." (Acts 24:14 NKJV)

There was no organization called Church of Christ during the Apostles' time because it did not exist. It came into existence only in 1914 when it was founded by Felix Y. Manalo. Therefore, it is a lie that the first century Christians were members of the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo.

The apostasy of the first century church is also a lie. Why is it a lie? It is because Christ never abandoned His disciples as He promised to be with them always until the end of the age (Mt.18:20). The apostasy only pertains to SOME but not all (1 Tim.4:1). It is the Iglesia ni Cristo that had departed from the faith because it practices the doctrine of deception that are incorporated in the Gospel of Manalo (Doctrine Lesson 21), which are: prohibition to marry (non members), and prohibition to eat meat (if cooked meat has a blood).

Manalo's lie about Matthew 7:15:

The false prophets who are in sheep's clothing mentioned in Mt.7:15 could not be the priests of the Catholic Church for wearing and imitating the long gown of Jesus Christ because in Christ's days, everyone wore long gowns. If we will examine the verse, the sheep is not written as Sheep to indicate Christ. Felix Y. Manalo, being a former Seventh Day Adventist evangelist had kept most of the SDA's anti-catholic stance.

Manalo's lie about Matthew 23:9:

Just because priests are addressed as father does not violate the Bible. What is prohibited in the verse is calling anyone father as the Father God or when it is used for prestige and power (like the way the hypocrite Pharisees did) but not if it is used to serve others. There are many individuals that are authorized by the Bible to be called father:

1. Our human fathers (Mt.15:4);
2. Fathers of the gospel (1 Cor.4:15);
3. Guardians and stewards appointed (Gal.4:2);
4. Anyone whom you follow (2 Kings 2:12)

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Lesson 6 - Proofs that the Apostasy of the First Century Church of Christ Took Place
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Q: What is the Iglesia ni Cristo's non deductibility of INC church contribution mandate?

A: It is the mandate of the Iglesia ni Cristo Executive Minister forbidding Iglesia members from deducting from their personal income tax returns what they have given, offered, and contributed, to the Iglesia ni Cristo church. According to Manalo, members must not rip off God twice because they already got benefited (through God's blessings) when they offered the money to God. Manalo had issued orders to all Iglesia ni Cristo officials not to issue any receipts to any brethren for what they have offered to the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ) under pains of removal or expulsion from the church.

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 6 and what are its fallacies?

A: An excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 6 follows:

"LESSON NO. 6 -Proofs that the Apostasy of the First Century Church of Christ Took Place.

Summary: The apostasy of the Catholic Church from the Church established by Christ in the first century took place with their turning away from the teachings of God taught by Christ and His Apostles (Worship of Images, Mass, Popes and Priests as vicars or successors of Christ, Mediator Saints, Purgatory).

Therefore, the apostasy takes place whenever there is a teaching of God the Catholic Church violates. In view of this, all the doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church should be rejected." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo (1989), p.24).

The Fallacies of this Manalo Gospel Doctrine 6:

It was pointed out in the previous fallacy of Doctrine 5 that Manalo being a former Seventh Day Adventist evangelist has been using the SDA's anti-catholic propaganda materials. The Iglesia ni Cristo, therefore, is a daughter of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The SDA has been attacking the Catholic Church even before Manalo had formed his unbiblical religion. The Seventh Day Adventist was started in 1831 by a Baptist preacher, William Miller. In 1844, followers got disappointed when the predicted second coming of Christ did not materialize in Oct. 22, 1944. Some followers, however, persisted through the leadership of Ellen G. White who became a gifted writer and leader spearheaded the growth of the SDA. Manalo could have taken possession of Ellen G. White's famous Catholic bashing book, "The Great Controversy," written by her in 1884, which lead to Manalo's conversion to the SDA.

Manalo had adapted the SDA's question and answer method of delivery, prophesy revelation authority, its organizational system, and most importantly, its Catholic bashing and Catholic blaming for all the ills of the world.

On Image Worship

The Catholics do not do this. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, p.573). This has been said many times but Manalo or the Iglesia ni Cristo is deaf. Let's read the commandment:

"You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make yourself a carved image--any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me., but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." ((Exo.20:3-6 NKJV)

What is prohibited of other gods and images:

1) What is prohibited is having other gods before God. This is essentially not having these other gods before the true God. The true God comes first over all others that are considerable as gods. What does the other gods represent, anything that we have whatever that might be, namely---money, pleasure, power, possessions, or somebody, or something that we place first before the true God.

The important thing is that the true God must come first not the second. Case Scenarios: a) You have the following gods besides the true God: wealth, power, & wife. From 1 through 4, how do you rank them in order of importance? Answer: 1) True God, 2. wife, 3-4) power and wealth. If your Number 1 is other than the true God, the violation bell rings. Note: It is impossible that you will have the true God alone. It will be a very lonely world in such a situation. God has made all things in this world so that man will be happy.

2) What is prohibited of images? What is prohibited is making it yourself and bowing to it, or serving it. Therefore, if you have carved a moon, it is still allowed. But, if you did the 2nd step of bowing or serving the moon, the violation bell rings. Supposing the carved moon was not carved by you and neither paid somebody to carve it for you, but, you accidentally bowed to it? Since there is no intention on your part to bow to it or serve it, the violation bell will not ring. What about if you have seen a carved moon accidentally in the flea market, acquiring and putting it in your room and you bowed to it with the intention of bowing to the unseen God, will the violation bell ring? No. The intention of the mind is what counts. The intention starts with the carving and completed with the bowing or serving. This third case is the scenario of what Catholics do. Their bowing is not directed at the image itself, but, is directed on the one their minds are set on. If the mind is not the controlling point, everyone would be in violation because there is no place on earth wherein there is no object or things near you or close to you. Also, repetition of the act is important to show willfulness. Catholics do not worship any other God besides the one true God, even if they do so with relics or inanimate objects in ceremonies.

The Iglesia ni Cristo violation of image worship

The worship of images is actually being done by the Iglesia ni Cristo. Which images are these? It is the image of their Felix Y. Manalo idol and the image of their Iglesia ni Cristo name idol. Every July 27th of each year, they worship these two idols by performing a special worship service to honor these two idols. First, is the praising of Felix Y. Manalo, for having been the leader in the establishment of the Iglesia ni Cristo, and second, glorifying the Iglesia ni Cristo for its glorious posture, its growth, and its prestige. The worship service requires seven days nightly devotional prayers of preparation and the worship service with choir crying and wailing that parades around the congregation. The main entree of the worship service is the collections of the prepared envelopes of monies from the seated members considered as gifts for the birthdays of their two idols. The pictures of their Felix Manalo idol adorn the houses and offices of members, especially ministers, and appear regularly in their two monthly magazines, the Pasugo and the God's Message. The honor and focus is directed to the Manalo's and away from Jesus Christ.

Why the violation rings on the Iglesia image worship:

1) The Iglesia ni Cristo members have other gods that are before the true God. Which is this? It is their Iglesia ni Cristo membership. They are placing their memberships before God at the point that they are obeying Manalo's command rather than God's command to love God with all heart, mind, and soul.

2) The Iglesia ni Cristo has made the picture image of Felix Y. Manalo. After making his image, the Iglesia goes to the second step which is bowing and serving this image via the worship service dedicated and in remembrance of him every July 27 of each year. The image of Felix Manalo is constructively framed in their minds and without a doubt that it is him who is the beneficiary of the worship. The proof is the money envelopes that Manalo's son collects. God does not need money.

3) Manalo has made the Iglesia ni Cristo image that resembles an artificial person made of paper. The second step of bowing and serving the Iglesia ni Cristo image is accomplished by the worship services being done on Thursdays and Sundays. Members serve the Iglesia ni Cristo by performing works required by it throughout their lifetime.

On Catholic Mass

The Holy Mass is the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ (Lk.22:17-20). It is called Holy Mass (Missa) because the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished concludes with the sending forth (Missio) of the faithful, so that they may fulfill God's will in their daily lives." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1997, p. 370).

What Felix Y. Manalo and son are agonizing about of the Catholic's doing the Holy Mass, or Eucharist, or Communion, or Lord's Supper is that the Catholics do not drink. The Catholics eat bread only. Manalo is very much disturbed about this. To relieve Manalo of his troubles, let us read what is written in the Scriptures:

"Then He took the cup and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I say to you I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise, He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you." (Lk.2:17-20 NKJV)

(Jason – This is one section that I have modified from CR's original content. CR attempts to substantiate the RCC's doctrine of only take the bread. I do not believe this is correct for the following reason. The Apostle Paul did teach both to eat the flesh and to also drink the blood.

1 Corinthians 11:24-27 (NIV) 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes 27Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

According to the Apostle Paul, proper communion is both the eating of flesh (taking of bread) and drinking of blood (drinking of the cup). So, the INC does have an argument here but nothing consequential.)

On Popes and Priest vicars of Christ

The word "vicar" means representative (not successor). Vicar of Christ means representative of Christ. The word vicar comes from the Latin word, "vicarious", meaning substitute; therefore, it is not successor. Manalo has been lying to the indoctrinees. Manalo's use of Heb. 7:24 cannot apply here because the eternal unchangeable priesthood of Christ mentioned in that verse is His being not subject to death anymore (Heb. 7:23), which ordinary priests are not immune of, i.e., ordinary priests die, therefore, they are changeable by their successors. The word "substitute" is just a mild term. The Apostle Paul has given a more Jesus grabbing word---Putting on Christ (Rom. 13:14).

How about Heb. 13:8? Does this verse prohibit priests from representing or being substitutes of Christ? Let's read the verse:

"Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever." (Heb. 13:8 NKJV)

The verse pertains to Jesus Christ only. It is not about any other persons such as priests. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. If Manalo knows that Christ does not change, why does he change Christ to be the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo?

If Jesus Christ's nature is God (Heb. 1:8-9), then He should not be changed permanently into a man. Guess again who are the ones substituting and changing Jesus Christ?

On Confessions to Priests

It is commanded by Apostle James (the Iglesia favorite apostle being used by Manalo to legitimize controlling of members) to confess our trespasses to one another (Js. 5:16 NKJV). There is nothing wrong with confessing your sins to any person such as a friend, priest, psychologist, and others who can help you and advise you how to deal with it. It is but right to confess with whom you wish to be reconciled. What you confess to the priest is a privileged communication unless it is a criminal act. In such situation, the priest is required to report the crime. If you have sinned, even though you do not confess to God, God already knows about it. What you should do is to repent. Confession does not equate to remission, transference or forgiveness of sins. However this can be a stumbling block to some Catholics if they do not maintain a direct relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Iglesia ni Cristo members are habitual sinners.

Is there something wrong with the Iglesia ni Cristo's practice of confessing sins through prayers day in and day out, in every worship service, in every occasions of their gatherings such as weekly committee prayers, family prayers, organizational meeting prayers, and daily nightly devotional prayers? Of course, there is something definitely wrong! Iglesia ni Cristo members are showing they are habitual and perpetual sinners! According to Apostle John, habitual sinners are sons of the devil. Let's read this:

"He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God." (1 Jn. 3:8-9 NKJV).

The requirement of habitual confession of sins is a controlling technique of many cults.

On Mediator Saints

Manalo is inflamed about the Catholic saints. Manalo says that the saints of the Catholics are all in the graves and are unable to do anything to intercede for humans. He says Jesus Christ is the only Mediator between man and God. Is it true, or is Felix Y. Manalo lying again? Let's consult the Holy Scriptures:

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. 2:1-4 NKJV)

Manalo has lied! The Apostle Paul has exposed the lie of Manalo. The truth is that it is good in the sight of God that prayers, supplications, and intercessions, be made for all men because God wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. God does not want the lie being spread by Felix Manalo. The admonition was addressed to Timothy, a saint.

Will the prayers of saints reach heaven? Let's read:

"Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense which are the prayers of the saints." (Rev. 5:8 NKJV)

The prayers of saints absolutely go to heaven. What about dead saints, are they able to pray? Manalo says, they can't pray anymore because they are dead. Is it true or is Felix lying again? Let's read:

"When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth"? Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the member of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed." (Rev.6:9-11 NKJV)

The souls of the dead saints are alive, and crying, and shouting. They are not dead. The soul does not die when the body dies (Mt. 10:28). It is only God who can kill the soul in hell or in the lake of fire. That will be the time of second death (Rev. 20:14). Therefore, if the soul is alive when the body dies, there is still a chance of being saved. Death of the body is not the end of things. Why? Because the teaching of the Apostle Paul is that whether we live or die, we are of the Lord's (Rom. 14:8). God does not abandon you just because you are dead. It is also the teaching of the Apostle Peter that the gospel can be preached to those who are dead by Jesus (1 Pet. 4:5-6 NKJV). This is the reason why Christ went to preach to the spirits in prison (1 Pet. 3:19 NKJV). It is an erroneous extension to say that current priests can minister to anyone dead however we know that Jesus Christ did and that souls are still alive after death.

If saints (alive and dead) can intercede and supplicate for people, what about Jesus Christ mediatorship? Will saints replace the mediatorship of Christ (1 Tim.2:5)? Absolutely not, why not? It is because Christ is not a Mediator of sinners but a Mediator of the New Covenant (Heb. 12:24 NKJV). How can Christ be a Mediator of sinners when He is the Savior Himself? Manalo is trying to demote Christ in this regard. Will Felix Y. Manalo and his bunch of ministers still be needed in the New Covenant? No more! They become jobless because in the New Covenant, God Himself will be the one who will write His Laws into the hearts and minds of people (Heb. 8:10-13 NKJV).

Who is the Mediator of the Iglesia ni Cristo?

Manalo is angry of the saints being mediators; therefore, the saints are eliminated by Manalo as viable Iglesia mediators. And Jesus Christ whom they hope as their mediator is also eliminated because Christ is not a Mediator of sinners but a Mediator of the New Covenant. What is left as the mediator of the Iglesia members? They need mediators because they are habitual sinners right? Luckily, they have two remaining mediators---their two very important saviors, F.M. and the I.N.C. These two idols are waiting to save them.

On Purgatory

Manalo says there is no Purgatory in the Bible. He says it is only an invention of the Catholic Church. Is Manalo lying again? Let's read the Lord Jesus Christ's teaching of purgatory:

"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And in being in torment in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented, and besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then, he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'" (Lk.16:19-31 NKJV)

Based on the above teaching of Lord Jesus Christ at death, previous to the crucifixion, there are two destinations for everyone. If one dies a good man, you are brought by the angels to the bosom of Abraham for comfort. If one dies a bad man, you are brought to a place of torment. The two sections are separated by a great gulf fixed. It is only God who can save the souls in torment. This is the reason why God sent Christ to preach to these tormented souls (1 Pet. 3:19). After the new covenant was established purgatory is no longer necessary but it did exist in the old covenant.

The terrible consequence of dying in the Iglesia ni Cristo:

Because of the adopted SDA teaching that souls die when the body dies, and the false Manalo teaching that God is not a God of the dead but of the living, Iglesia ni Cristo dead members are treated the worst kind. There is no church rite whatsoever accorded to the Iglesia dead. After burial, the dead is no longer visited or remembered. His/her name in the Iglesia registries are unceremoniously taken out and delisted. It could be assumed that Manalo would not spend a penny for keeping the names of dead faithful Iglesia members. While alive and awake, members are guarded with an eagle's eye to make sure that everyone is listed in the Iglesia registries. But Manalo forgets the members when they go to sleep in their graves. The faithful Iglesia dead suffer the same fate as those who have been expelled and delisted. The Iglesia ni Cristo does not celebrate All Souls Day, therefore, if you go to the cemeteries, the tombs and plots of their sleeping brethren are unkempt, unclean, and unloved. The only exception to the non-honoring of the

dead, is the honoring of remembrance of Felix Y. Manalo's. They honor him twice a year, on his birthday and on his death to coincide with the Iglesia ni Cristo anniversary day.

Manalo's Purgatory for the Living

Although Manalo does not believe in purgatory of the souls, he is enforcing another kind of purgatory. It is called Purgatory for the living Iglesia members. The sufferings of the living purgatory for its members are the following:

- 1) Not to miss the Thursday and Sunday worship services, and other compulsory gatherings;
- 2) To give monies to all the many kinds of offerings and contributions;
- 3) To give increasing amounts of thanksgivings offerings every July and December to the two saviors;
- 4) To work for the Iglesia ni Cristo savior night and day without any compensation whatsoever;
- 5) To seek prospective converts weekly and persevere in devoting time and efforts and money throughout the indoctrination process of the future soul fruit until baptism;
- 6) To obey Erano G. Manalo on whatever he orders.

The historical facts are that the early church never apostatized. One example is the teaching of the Trinity. It is the INC who has deviated from the teachings of the early church. It is in fact the INC who is the apostate. The early church taught that Jesus Christ is God and in the Trinity.

80 AD Hermes "The Son of God is older than all his creation, so that he became the Father's adviser in his creation. Therefore also he is ancient"

140 AD Aristides "[Christians] are they who, above every people of the Earth, have found the truth, for they acknowledge God, the creator and maker of all things, in the only-begotten Son and in the Holy Spirit"

150 AD Justin Martyr "The Father of the universe has a Son, who also being the first begotten Word of God, is even God."

170 AD Tatian the Syrian "We are not playing the fool, you Greeks, nor do we talk nonsense, when we report that God was born in the form of a man"

98/117AD Ignatius of Antioch "We have also as a Physician the Lord our God Jesus the Christ the only-begotten Son and Word, before time began, but who afterwards became also man, of Mary the virgin.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 6

Lesson 7 - The Origin of other Churches

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Q: What is the average money that Manalo takes from each Iglesia ni Cristo member and what is the aggregate yearly takes from all Iglesia members?

A: The average yearly amount of monies that a member surrenders to Manalo is \$3,681.00.

Breakdown:

Worship service offerings (\$5.00x52x2)....\$ 520.00
Local offerings (\$10.00x40)..... 400.00
District offerings (\$10.00x12)..... 120.00
Thanksgiving deposits (\$25.00x49)..... 1,225.00
Supplemental Thanksgivings..... 500.00
Anniversary offerings..... 700.00
God's Message offerings (\$2.50x2x12)..... 60.00
EGM offerings (\$3.00x52)..... 156.00

TOTAL \$3,681.00

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NOTES:

The supplemental thanksgivings is the amount necessary to cover up whatever deficits of the member's deposits to make the thanksgiving comply with the abounding doctrine (amounts given this year must have increase over the increase of last year). For example, if what was given last year was \$1,500, this year's thanksgiving of \$1,995 has increase of \$495.00. This \$495.00 must be greater than the increase last year. If last year's increase was \$600.00, the member has drawn back from his obligation. Manalo teaches that God will not have pleasure with those who draw back from their obligations. Each of the above offerings can be increased at will by Manalo by issuing worship lessons to whip members into conformance if he sees the offerings graphs are falling.

The money outlays that are not included are the personal expenses for gasoline and tolls in going back and forth to their chapels for the worships, meetings, nightly devotional prayers, and out of pocket expenses for the food and snacks for the weekly bible expositions. If the local congregation's census is average of 300 members, Manalo has yearly income of \$1,104,300.00 just for that one congregation or one chapel building. Since, the Iglesia ni Cristo has 134 congregations in the United States, the income of Manalo from the U.S. alone is a whooping \$15,460,200.00. If we include the takes of Manalo from the rest of the world from Canada to Europe and Asia, an estimate of \$50 million to \$75 million is a low estimate.

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 7 and what is its fallacy?

A: An excerpt of the Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 7 follows:

"LESSON NO. 7 - The Origin of other Churches

Summary: We should not be surprised at the number of churches today that are not of Christ. It is not Christ who established them but the enemy or the devil (Mt.13:24-30, 36-39 NKJV). These churches that do not belong to Christ are the Catholic Church and her offspring's, the various Protestant denominations and sects. We should not be deceived. Only one Church belongs to Christ, the Church of Christ."
(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo,1989,p.28)

The Fallacy of this Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 7:

We have already exposed the Manalo lie in Part 4 of the series that the name Church of Christ is not written in the Bible. What is written in Lamsa's Acts 20:28 is "church of Christ". What Manalo had been doing is taking away the written small letter "c" and adding big letter "C" in place of it to make it agree with its Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo name. This taking away and adding to the words of God is strictly prohibited by Christ in Rev. 22:18-19 NKJV.

The first century Christians were actually members of the organization called "Way" (Acts 9:1-2).

The main technique of Manalo in order to lure Catholics and Protestants is to lie, which is also the Modus Operandi of the devil. Manalo lies to the indoctrinees that the present religions of the indoctrinees (Catholic Church and the Protestant Churches) were planted by the devil. Naturally, the indoctrinees are at the mercy of Manalo's minister who is an expert Bible manipulator.

Common Sense of Knowing the True Church

Who do you think comes first, the genuine or the fake? Common sense dictates that the genuine comes first before the fakes. The fakes come out later because the copycats, such as Felix Manalo, have to examine first the original so that he can produce a passable and salable copy. Felix even admits to this during this three day study and comparison. The evidence that the Catholic Church came out first is that Manalo was a Catholic first before he founded his Iglesia ni Cristo cult. The evidence that the Protestant Church came out first is that Manalo had been a Protestant pastor before he had invented his Iglesia ni Cristo religion.

The true church was planted by Christ in 1 A.D. while the Iglesia ni Cristo was planted by the false deceiver Felix Manalo in 1914 A.D. Therefore, the Catholic Church came out first and Manalo's Iglesia ni Cristo, is a fake. Felix has never been able to prove Biblically that the early church apostatized nor offered any logical evidence as well. It has been demonstrated that the INC is in fact teaching a false Christ and false doctrine. (For a detailed study on some of their false teachings please visit www.dk777.com)

How Many True Churches are there?

To answer this question, let us go to the Bible verses being used by Manalo. It is the explanation of the parable of the wheat and the tares:

"He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels." (Mt.13:37-39 NKJV)

Take note that the good seed planted by Christ are seeds (plural) or sons (plural) of the kingdom. Therefore, what this means is that there is more than one true church. Manalo, therefore, is a liar because he is saying only his cult is the true church. Anybody knows who is the father of Manalo, the liar? The devil (Jn.8:44). If Manalo's father is the devil, naturally, the Iglesia ni Cristo is the tare planted by the enemy or devil.

Why the true church is plural:

The two main churches founded by Christ according to John 10:16 and Romans 9:24 are the following:

- 1) The Jewish churches (Sheep already in the fold), and
- 2) The Gentile churches (Other sheep called by Christ after His resurrection).

The Jewish churches and children

This is the first group of people of God that has the promise of salvation as mentioned in Acts 2:39 (To you) and Acts 1:8 (Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria). The Jews have an everlasting covenant with God through Abraham (Gen.17:7), and through Isaac (Gen. 17:19), and through Jacob (Gen. 28:13-15). Those Israelites who have transgressed the first covenant have been remedied by God through the new covenant by means of the death of Christ (Heb.9:15). The Israelites are the first group of people who have been sealed and will receive salvation (Rev. 7:4-9). The Israelites include the Judeans and Samaritans who recognize Moses as their father (Jn.4:20) and those converted by Philip (Acts 8:4-40).

The Gentile Christian churches

The second (and last) group of people that has the promise of salvation is the Gentiles as mentioned in Acts 2:39 (To all who are afar off) and Acts 1:8 (to the end of the earth). The context of the "end of the earth" is a place based on the mentioning of places preceding it. In King James, it is called the uttermost part of the earth. As explained in Mt.24:14, this place is described as a place where the gospel will reach, which is, the entire world. Gentiles encompass all other races other than Jews. That is a lot of people. Therefore, Gentiles are universal (and not just Filipinos). The Gentiles are what we call today as Christians who are the Catholics and the Protestants. Being a Christian means being a follower of Christ. Gentile Christians are found in every corner of the world. They are universal. During the Roman Empire, Christians were all over the Roman Empire territories. That's why they are called universal or Catholic. Gentiles are the other sheep mentioned in John 10:16 mainly from the evangelization of Apostle Paul who was appointed Apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47). The Gentile Christians (Catholics and Protestants) are the second group that will receive salvation (Rev. 7:9-10). There is no third group or Iglesia ni Cristo group that can be found in the Bible. God would certainly not wait until 1914 to save his church.

Members of the Catholic Church and the Protestant Church are called Christians (Acts 11:26) because they are followers of Jesus Christ. They originally belong to the organization "Way" (Acts 9:2). Each member is a church, i.e., a body of Christ, and each member is member of one another. (1 Cor.12:27; Rom.12:4-5). Therefore, any member is a church. Two or more members (being plural) are called "churches". The places where they meet for fellowships are called by the names of the towns or cities they are located, i.e., church of Jerusalem, church of Antioch, church of Ephesus, church of Rome, etc. Overall, they are Christians or Catholics, or Protestants, or Chinges, or Gentiles. These are all terms denoting having universal status.

The deceptions of Manalo about the Catholic Church:

1) Manalo lies that the Catholic Church has two demon doctrines which are: forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, using 1 Tim. 4:1, 3.

Why is this a lie? It is a lie because the Catholic Church does not prohibit all Catholics to marry. It is the Iglesia ni Cristo that has this doctrine (Doctrine 21). The truth is, not marrying or being single is an option and a gift from God in the Catholic Church as well as in the Bible. Let us read this teaching:

"For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that. But I say to the unmarried and to the widows, it is good for them if they remain even as I am; but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry than to burn with passion." (1 Cor. 7:7-8 NKJV)

Probably, Manalo will insist it is the priests who are forbidden to marry. Does Jesus Christ teach celibacy? Absolutely, let's read this:

"But He said to them, "All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given. For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it." (Mt.19:11-12 NKJV).

Therefore, it is not a demon's doctrine if you have voluntarily made yourself eunuch. The priests volunteered themselves to become priests, hence they volunteered themselves to be eunuchs or take the vow of celibacy.

b) How about the Catholic's abstaining from foods during Lent? Here again, Manalo is lying because the Catholic Church does not command abstaining from foods as written in 1 Tim. 4:3. If the Catholic Church will do that, all Catholics will die of hunger. Actually, what the Catholic does on Lent is doing fasting. Fasting is not prohibited. In fact, Christ fasted for 40 days and 40 nights (Mt. 4:2).

2) Manalo lies that the Catholic Church is the woman harlot of Rev. 17:1, 5, 15.

Why is this a lie? It is a lie because there are two harlots mentioned in Chapter 17 of the Revelation:

- a) Harlot sitting on many waters (Verse 1), and
- b) Mother harlot sitting on a scarlet beast (Verse 3, 5).

There is a more plausible discernment that can be made. Who do you think are these mother-daughter harlots? The mother-daughter combination rings a bell. Ahah, the Iglesia ni Cristo is the daughter of the Seventh Day Adventists while the SDA is the mother of the Iglesia ni Cristo cult. They are perfect together as mother-daughter team in persecuting the Catholic Church.

The mother harlot sitting on the beast is the SDA that had been given ride by the beast or devil to go on an excursion to the bottom of the pit. What is going to happen to the daughter harlot Iglesia ni Cristo? According to Verse 16 (Rev.17:16) the daughter harlot Iglesia will become a chow, a food to be eaten by the ten horns or kings. Not only that. The Iglesia ni Cristo harlot will be burned with fire. Goodness, what a horrific end for the Iglesia ni Cristo cult if this comparison remains true.

We have, therefore, discovered the lie of Manalo. The one eaten and destroyed with fire is the daughter harlot. The water in which the daughter harlot sits, or, shall we say, peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues (Verse 15), or Gentiles, were victorious. They were relieved of the harlot that had sat upon them. The end of the harlot is by fire which is no other than the lake of fire.

Who was this old harlot that had sat upon the Gentile Christians?

During the reign of the Roman Empire, when the Christians were yet few, they were being tolerated by the Empire. Because of the Christians' rapid increase in memberships, they soon spread in almost all parts of the Roman Empire, and were therefore attaining catholic (universal) status. Because of this, they were perceived as threats to the empire. Various reasons why the Roman Empire started to persecute the Christians.

- 1) They didn't participate in the sacrifices for the pagan gods or in the worship of the emperor and were therefore branded atheists;
- 2) They didn't patronize the idols sold by merchants, sales of which are necessary for tax revenues to support the defense of the Empire;
- 3) Aristocrats feared they will lose their status if the Christian teaching of equality between masters and their servants be allowed to be preached;

The persecution of the Christians by the Roman Empire started with the reign of Emperor Nero in AD 64 and ending with the reign of Emperor Diocletian in AD 313. Emperor Nero is responsible for killing most of the Apostles. Apostles Paul and Peter were killed in Rome. It should be noted here that the persecutions and killings of the Apostles and Christians was purely done by the Roman Empire, a pagan regime. The Catholic Church has nothing to do with it whatsoever. There was no Catholic Church yet at the time. It is the Christians who were being persecuted and who will soon reach full catholic or universal status upon the advent of a Christian Emperor.

The Christian Roman Emperor

What do you think will happen when a Roman Emperor is a Christian? Naturally, the persecutions and killings of the Christians will come to a stop. This happened in AD 313 when Emperor Constantine through a vision credited his victory against his enemy to the god of the Christians. Henceforth, he signed the Edict of Milan stopping all Christian persecutions. From henceforth, the Christians were allies of the empire. Christians were given back their freedoms and their confiscated properties were returned, and the Emperor helped them in what they needed. Because of this unprecedented happening in history, Christian propagation went unhindered and the Christians reached catholic (universal) status. The Christian church quickly organized. Bishops were elected by the Christians based on merits according to their scholarly writings about the Scriptures and the Christian faith. These bishops became the apostolic fathers of the Christian church.

The Nicene Council of 325 AD

Each bishop has his own areas of leadership in the entire empire. Each bishop however is co-equal from one another. In such a case, if there is a question of disagreement on a certain Christian doctrine, how will it be resolved? They know how it was done by the Apostles -- through convening of a council just like what the Apostles had done at the Jerusalem Council in 50 AD when there arose a question whether the Gentiles will have to be circumcised or not. The procedure then was deliberations by all the apostles including the opinion of the leaders then who were Apostle Peter and James. The council voted. The majority side won and the decision is enforced by the leader.

When Arius had the opinion that Christ is not divine but just a mortal man, naturally, it caused a problem among the bishops. To resolve this issue, during the Nicene Council this issue was debated. As usual, there were deliberations by all the bishops including Arius. Arius contended that Christ is not divine because He is a created being. Other bishops contended that Christ is divine because Christ is begotten, therefore, not created. The bishops voted and the majority was against Arius. Emperor Constantine has to enforce the majority decision. Arius remained defiant. Arianism did not die and when Constantius, son of Constantine, became the emperor, the Arianists wasted no time in influencing the new Emperor in that the Constantinople Council was convened in AD 360. Against the majority vote, Constantius sided with the Arianists. Fortunately, in AD 381, Emperor Theodosius I reversed the Constantinople error and made Arianism a heresy. There were other questions of faith that the bishops councils had settled. It is this false antichrist heresy that is the basis of the Iglesia ni Cristo's false doctrine and their most grievous error.

Split of the Roman Empire and consequent split of the Christian Church

The Roman Empire in AD 395 split into two: Western Roman Empire and the Eastern Roman Empire. The Christian church also split into West and East. The Western Christian church had adopted the name Roman Catholic Church while the Eastern Christian church had adopted the Greek Orthodox Church. The seat of the west is Rome while the seat of the east is Constantinople (Istanbul). The head of the Roman Catholic Church was henceforth called Pope while the head of the Greek Orthodox Church was henceforth called Patriarch. The Western Roman Empire collapsed in AD 476 while the Eastern Roman Empire lived on till 1453 AD. The long lived Eastern Roman Empire was called the Byzantine Empire.

After the collapse of the Western Roman Empire, the Pope became the leader for the protection of the Catholic Christians. He negotiated with the conquering Goths as much as possible for the preservation of the Catholic Church. Unfortunately, the Catholics were persecuted because the Goths were Arianists. Luckily, the Goths were driven by the Lombards, and the Lombards were themselves defeated by the Franks. Clovis, the Franks Emperor, like Emperor Constantine converted also to Christianity. Soon, Clovis will be replaced by Charlemagne who soon will revive the Western Roman Empire with the difference that the Pope will swear allegiance to the Emperor. The consequent revival of the supremacy of the Popes was due to exigencies of the times. There arose the Muslim threats of the Ottoman Empire and the Mongols and there was a need for a strong Christian leadership. During this entire time the Protestant teachings and Biblical cannon was kept preserved as well rooted in the Church of Antioch.

Q: What are further proofs that Manalo is unbiblical and errant?

A: The following additional errors appear in the doctrinal lesson:

Q. How did Christ sow the good seed?

A. Christ built His Church.....Mt.16:18

Q. How many churches did Christ build, according to the Apostles?

A. There is one body or Church.....Eph.4:4

Q. What name did the Apostles call this church?

A. Church of Christ.....Rom.16:16

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p. 29)

The Manalo deception:

1) What is written in Matthew 16:18 is "church" not "Church". Manalo had changed the letter from small "c" to big "C" (noun to proper noun). The Biblical truth is that the church that was built by Christ is a house. This house is the believers (Heb.3:6 NKJV).

2) What is written in Eph.4:4 is one body. This one body is no other than the members or believers (1 Cor.12:27). Let us read this:

"Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." (1 Cor.12:27 NKJV)

Therefore, the body is not the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo. The body is the members or believers of Christ.

3) What is written in Romans 16:16 is not "Church of Christ" but "churches of God". Manalo had snipped the letters "c" and "es" from the word "churches". After cutting out the three letters, Manalo had replaced the small letter "c" with capital letter "C". Therefore, Manalo is the unfortunate one who is adding to and taking away, distorting and destroying the Word of God. For this, there is a terrible result that follows, Revelation 22:18.

The Iglesia ni Cristo had departed from the faith and denies the truth of God. They are an unbiblical organization.

What is the reason why the Iglesia ni Cristo (daughter of SDA), is the one who had departed from the faith? The reason is simple. The true faith is the faith in Christ (Gal.2:16). The faith that Manalo is preaching, however, is the faith in the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo. This is a clear departure from the true faith. The proof that Manalo had departed from the true faith is his doctrine that salvation is to be attained only in the name Church of Christ. This is a gross violation to the teachings of the Apostles that the name in which we must be saved is Jesus Christ of Nazareth (Acts 4:10-12).

The Iglesia ni Cristo's Doctrines of Demons

Manalo had heeded the Seventh Day Adventists cults' deceiving spirits and has been enforcing the four demon doctrines. Which are these? They are written in 1 Timothy 4:1-3:

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." (1 Tim.4:1-3 NKJV)

According to the verses, it is only in the latter times that some will depart from the faith. Which of the following founding's are considered latter times that happened in history?

1 AD - Founding of Christianity by Christ

1844 AD - Founding of Seventh Day Adventists by William Miller

1914 AD - Founding of the Iglesia ni Cristo by Felix Y. Manalo

We can see that the SDA and her daughter Iglesia ni Cristo are the ones that are founded in latter times.

The four demon doctrines of the I.N.C:

- 1) Speaking lies in hypocrisy;
- 2) Having own conscience seared with hot iron;
- 3) Forbidding to marry;
- 4) Commanding to abstain from foods.

The Iglesia ni Cristo teaches two demon doctrines (No. 3&4 only). Actually, there are four as can be seen above. Forbidding marrying and commanding to abstain from foods, are two of the demon doctrines possessed by the Iglesia ni Cristo and incorporated in its Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 21. What about the demon doctrines 1 & 2? These additional demon doctrines are being practiced inside the Iglesia ni Cristo by deviating from the true doctrine of Christianity and using mind controlling techniques shutting down the conscience and open minded rational thinking of its members.

The Iglesia ni Cristo's unbiblical doctrine

How does the Iglesia ni Cristo teach unbiblical doctrine? The Iglesia ni Cristo says one thing and does another. They teach the one God is composed only of the Father, but their Doxology hymn that they sing every worship service tells otherwise. Their Doxology hymn contains the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. If the Father is the only composition of the one God, why do they sing also to the Son and the Holy Spirit? This is a contradiction, plain and simple. What else? They teach that Jesus Christ is not a spirit but a man who has flesh and bones, but, every time they pray to God, watch out, they will also pray to Jesus Christ in the spirit as if Jesus Christ is a spirit. This is plainly speaking contradictions in hypocrisy about the nature of Christ. What else? They claim they teach love of the brotherhood, but, when their brethren sleep, they are forgotten and unloved. They neither visit their dead brethren in the cemeteries nor remember them, but, when it comes to their Felix Manalo, this man is being given a special Anniversary worship, and is being remembered twice a year. What else? They teach they are Christians, but, their actions prove otherwise. They follow and believe Felix Manalo as the messenger of God rather than Christ who is the true and final messenger of God (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Conscience seared by hot iron doctrine

When your conscience is seared with hot iron, that means the conscience has already evaporated or the conscience is no longer there. This conduct is being practiced by the Iglesia ni Cristo's so-called Church Administrator, which has no conscience at all in the treatment of all its members. Erano G. Manalo embodies the no conscience Church Administration treating his members like machines not humans. The members work long hours for the Iglesia ni Cristo, doing labor, clerical, and administrative works, but EGM being the employer, doesn't want to pay any compensation to the deacons, deaconesses, or other officials working like slaves.

Even EGM's ministers are not given wages but are only given meager sustenance allowances to live a life worth less than rats. Rats don't pay for their dwellings but ministers are required to pay for their dwellings. This is plain greediness and a conscience seared with hot iron. It is the command of the Apostles to owe no one anything (Rom.13:8). God also requires wages be not held back overnight (Lev.19:13). If it is ungodly to hold back wages overnight, how evil it will be not to pay wages?

What else is another conscience seared with hot iron? It is the Iglesia ni Cristo's practice of not giving to the poor which is an open defiance to the command of Christ to give to the poor (Mt.19:21). It is the Catholic Church and the Protestant Church that Manalo bedevils, which are the ones giving to the poor. This alone is evidence that these two original faiths are of God. Truly, a tree can be distinguished by its fruit (Mt.7:20).

The conscience seared with hot iron works on both ends to the Iglesia Administrator as well as to its members. How does it work among its members? Members' mouths are sealed shut from complaining from whatever Manalo desires to impose. Manalo says, "There will now be two weeks of devotional prayers!" The member's no conscience reply is "Amen!" Manalo says, "Don't deduct from your income tax returns your offerings to the Church of Christ!" Members' no conscience reply is "Amen!" Manalo's no conscience order is "To love the brotherhood, you must guard your brethren that they will not be absent from the worship services!" Members' no conscience reply is "Amen!"

The True Babylon

Manalo has been conspiring with the Seventh Day Adventists that the harlot woman in the Revelation book is the Catholic Church based on misconception about the word Babylon. Babylon symbolizes abominations, defiance of God, and practice of evil in this earth.

The word Babylon is Greek for Ba-bel. This Babel is the Tower that men tried to build in Shinar (Southern Iraq). The word Ba-bel is associated with "confused", i.e., when God confused the people by giving them different languages to thwart man's desire to magnify himself and unify against God. This is the first Babylon.

The second Babylon is the famed Babylonian Empire under King Nebuchadnezzar, conqueror of the Jewish Southern Kingdom of Judah. This Babylon is located in Al-Hillah, south of Bagdad, Iraq. King Nebuchadnezzar is implicated by the Bible in the evil deed of building a gold statue and enforcing a forced worship of this statue.

The third Babylon is the Roman Empire between AD 64 under Emperor Nero through AD 313 under Emperor Diocletian. The Apostles and the Christians were decimated and killed by this Babylon.

The fourth Babylon will be the new world order setup by the antichrist that will bring in the end times. This fourth Babylon has not come to fruition yet. Another sign that we are not in the tribulation or end times leading to the fact that Felix Manalo could not possibly be the fifth angel.

The Iglesia ni Cristo is another unfortunate unbiblical organization that uses mind and time controlling techniques distorting and teaching outright false doctrine. The INC is run like a strict army so that no member will test or challenge what they are being told and taught. Open debate and discussion is not encouraged in the INC. In fact most INC ministers teach that the lay member is not capable of understanding or knowing the Word of God.

The good news is anyone who can read the Word of God, can understand it.

2 Corinthians 1:13

For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 7

Lesson 8 - Not by Faith Only – Part 1

By C.R. - August 16 2002

Q: How much are the expenses of the Iglesia ni Cristo most likely?

A: The Iglesia ni Cristo's expenses strictly speaking are the allowances being paid to its 1,000 (approx.) full time ministers in the Philippines and around the globe. At an average of yearly allowance of \$12,000 each, total allowance is \$12,000,000. Take this out from the annual receipts of \$75,000,000 will leave net Manalo receipts of \$63,000,000. Other expenses such as utilities, telephones, supplies, and others, are all paid from the local offerings. Strictly speaking, the local offerings pay for all expenses other than the minister's allowance and travel expenses. Therefore, if we take out the local offerings of \$3,000,000 the net takes of the Iglesia ni Cristo owner is \$60,000,000 tax free.

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 8 and what are its fallacies?

A: An excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Lesson No. 8 follows:

LESSON NO. 8 - Not by Faith Only

Theme: Salvation Cannot Be Attained By Faith Alone

Summary: Many Protestant groups uphold the belief that faith alone in Christ is sufficient for salvation. They have excluded other necessary conditions such as baptism (Mt.16:15-16), Church Membership (Jn.10:9, Acts 2:47, 20:28 Lamsa), suffering for Christ's sake (Phil.1:29), works (Js.2:14,17,20), preaching by the messenger of God (Acts 16:32-33), remaining in the true church (Jn.15:5-6), holding firm and obey Gospel (1 Cor.15:1-2 NIV), enduring & remaining till end (Mt.24:13). Their faith-alone concept of salvation is in direct conflict with the teachings of the Bible where we can find pronouncements that man is not justified by faith only (Js.2:24)." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.32)

The fallacies of this Gospel of Manalo Lesson 8:

Manalo has been misusing the words of Apostle James to enslave all Iglesia ni Cristo members to do works for the Iglesia ni Cristo as all one true church cults do. Let's read the verse being distorted:

"You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." (Js.2:24 NKJV)

This statement by Apostle James is a conclusion to the paragraph. In order to see what the Apostle is saying, we have to read the whole paragraph. The paragraph starts in Verse 18 and ends in Verse 24. What did Apostle James want us to see? In Verse 22, this is what he says:

"Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?" (Js.2:22 NKJV)

Now we know what Apostle James wants us to see---To see that FAITH WAS WORKING TOGETHER WITH HIS WORKS. Faith and works are working together. They go hand in hand. They cannot be separated. You cannot just do works alone. Or vice versa, you cannot just have faith alone. Manalo had been perverting this teaching of Apostle James by separating works from faith. How does Manalo separate the works from faith? He separates them by requiring the many works for the Iglesia ni Cristo as requirements for salvation.

The real works taught by Apostle James

What works does Apostle James teach? We have to know the kind of works being taught by the Apostle James. What exactly does "justification" (dikaioo) mean in this context? Let's read the real works taught by Apostle James:

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom." (Js.3:13 NKJV)

The false messenger is caught in his deceptions! The works that we must do is showing good conduct! Which are these? Further down, we read that these are the works or fruits of righteousness:

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruits of righteousness are sown in peace by those who make peace." (Js. 3:17-18 NKJV)

The works that we must do is the conduct of purity, peacefulness, gentleness, yielding willingly, mercifulness and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy or truthfulness.

Compare the above works prescribed by apostle James with the following works prescribed by Manalo:

"Brethren, do the following works: Do not leave the Iglesia ni Cristo or else you will be thrown by God to the lake of fire; Do not be absent from the Thursday and Sunday worship services or else there will be no mere sacrifice for your sin but a fearful fire to devour you, plus, your deacon or deaconess will appear at your door to extract your reasons for being absent; Do give to the many kinds of offerings, contributions, and deposits or else you will rob God; Do produce always visitors to the bible manipulation studies or else Christ will chop you off from the vine; Do listen to the church administration messages from your deacon/deaconess in your house during weekly committee prayer conductance or else you are a church administrator rebel; Do buy food and snacks or cook meals from your house budget in order to bring to the bible manipulation studies or else you have stopped building up riches for the life to come; Do go nightly to the devotional prayers or else God will not have pleasure on you; Do always obey the Church Administrator or else he will be grieved and that is unprofitable for you; Endure doing all the above works until the end of your life or else you will not be saved."

The entire point James is teaching is this:

Jam 2:17 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

Faith is dead, not your salvation. Lastly, Paul is completely clear; we are only saved by Grace, not by works, although they are important. Salvation is a gift from God, we cannot earn it.

Ephesians 2:8-10 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9not by works, so that no one can boast."

Let us now deal on Manalo's requirements for salvation

1) On baptism (Mk.16:15-16)

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mk.16:15-16 NKJV)

The bandit has changed the commandment of Christ. Christ's command is to go into the entire world, the bandit, however, commanded his ministers to go into all the chapels of the Iglesia ni Cristo to preach the gospel. What is the second requirement of Christ? It is believing. Who? Let's read who we should believe:

"And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved." (Acts 16:30-31 NKJV)

The false messenger Manalo is caught again in his deceptions. It should be the Lord Jesus Christ whom we must believe, not Manalo, nor the church. And the third requirement is baptism. Here again, we must know to what name we must be baptized. Let's read:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Mt.28:19-20 NKJV)

Where did the bandit go? He had changed the name of God we should be baptized. Christ's command is we should be baptized in the name of the Trinity, which is, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, but the Manalo had been baptizing in the name of the Father only because he had rejected the Trinity. As a consequence, he had thrown out the Son and the Holy Spirit. Also note it is the one and singular name "name" not names, the single Name of God, the Father, Son and Spirit we are to baptize in.

2) On Church of Christ membership

"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." (Jn.10:9 NKJV)

As usual, Manalo has changed the words of God, It is Christ who is the door, but, the unbiblical Manalo has replaced the door with Church of Christ. Also note that it is "anyone" and everyone. Anyone who accepts Jesus Christ is saved. What else? Those who are saved can go in and out. What about the rule of Manalo? Oh no, you can go in, but, you can not go out. You are imprisoned. What else? He had changed the word "church" of Verse Acts 2:47 into "Church". Let's read the verse:

"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47 NKJV)

The false messenger, instead of always carrying the American Express Card, he always carries a pair of scissors, and pastes, and supplies of capital letter "C's, a technique where later on when you are not looking at his hands, "Church" becomes "Church of Christ". This is entirely unbiblical.

Where are those being saved really added to? Let's read the explanation of the Bible:

"And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women." (Acts 5:14 NKJV)

Again, Manalo's happy cutting and pasting sprees are over. Those being saved are really added to the Lord.

3) On Suffering for Christ's sake

Let's read the verse being used by Manalo:

"For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake." (Phil.1:29 NKJV)

As written, sufferings are for Christ's sake. It is never for the Church of Christ's sake. What is this business of not exchanging Church of Christ memberships with anything else in this world? It is the business of changing what is written in the Bible. Sufferings are for Christ, not for the Church of Christ. What other changes made by Manalo? Fill in the blanks:

"For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in _____ but also to suffer for _____ sake."

The deceivers answer for Blank #1 is Felix Manalo, while his answer for Blank #2 is Church of Christ.

4) On necessity of preaching by a messenger of God

"Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately, he and his family were baptized." (Acts 16:32-33 NKJV)

Paul and Silas, who baptized the keeper of the prison and his household, were messengers of Christ. There is only one Messenger of God in the Christian era---Jesus Christ (1 Jn.4:14, Heb 1:1-2 NKJV).

Christ had set up the rule on the proper way of connecting with God. According to Christ, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me (Jn.13:20 NKJV).

Therefore, the set up is: From God, to His Messenger Christ, to Christ's messenger Apostles, and then to everyone else.

This is bad news for the bandit. Where will he place his body in this orderly set up? He is damned if he takes the office of Christ as messenger of God because that would be war against God and against Christ. He is damned if he will change his title to be Messenger of Christ at this late hour because all Iglesia members already know he represented himself as Messenger of God. The more he will be damned if he will at the last minute change his title as messenger of the Apostles because Iglesia members will kick his butt for lying to them as God's messenger. Well, for son Erano, it will be a plethora of problems on how to solve the mess created by father Felix.

Let's see now how the Apostles baptize those who are being added to the Lord Jesus Christ. According to Acts 16:33, the prison keeper and his household were baptized that SAME HOUR of the night. Uh oh, how does the bandit baptizes his converts? My goodness, the one hour of the apostles time becomes months of indoctrinations and trial periods of attending six months of worship services and committee prayers before being baptized. Indoctrinees must even have a school bag to keep his attendance slips. Manalo trains his indoctrinees in patience because his converts are not added to the Lord but are added to the Iglesia ni Cristo instead.

5) On remaining in the true church

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (Jn.15:5-6 NKJV)

The vine is Christ! The bandit has changed the vine into the Church of Christ. Again, the bandit has changed Christ into the Church of Christ as the one whom to abide. Bad news to all Iglesia members--- They can not do anything to save themselves because they are not in Christ as the vine, but, they are in the Iglesia ni Cristo vine. They have listened to the bandit's vine instead of the true vine which is Christ.

6) On holding fast and obeying the gospel

"Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain." (1 Cor.15:1-2 NIV)

It takes a lot of detective work to know why Manalo had used the NIV this time. The question is which is this gospel that is preached by Apostle Paul? It is no other than the gospel of Christ (Rom.1:16 NKJV). Therefore, it is the gospel of Christ where we must be saved. What about the gospel of Manalo? Guess if you will be saved by the gospel of a false messenger? Absolutely not! Felix Manalo is not the Savior. Apostle Paul says we must hold firmly to the gospel of Christ. What do you think will happen if you will hold firmly to the gospel of Manalo? Surely, if you will hold fast to the false, your salvation is lost.

7) On enduring and remaining until the end

Matthew 24:13 is the most favorite verse of Manalo. This verse is what makes him go on in his labors night and day of deceiving Iglesia members. Every time he is tired, or in the midst of tribulations, or anxieties, he retreats to his secret chamber and there underneath the cover of his desk is the verse which gives him strength to go on to oversee the Iglesia ni Cristo false religion. Let's read the verse:

"But he who endures to the end shall be saved." (Mt.24:13 NKJV)

Manalo takes pleasure in this verse. He must endure giving more works, deeds and requirements to all Iglesia members. He must continue to increase their duties, their responsibilities, more work, more reports, more monies to give, more meetings, devotional prayers and so on.

What does the Lord Jesus Christ want us to endure? Let's read:

"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved."
(Mk.13:13 NKJV)

The false unbiblical Manalo will be held accountable for his deception of God's Word. He is expert in leading astray his members. Imagine? Manalo had been requiring all Iglesia members to do this and that, and this and that, and other chicaneries and telling members they won't be saved unless and until they endure doing them until the end of their lives when what should be endured is just the persecutions in Christ's name, nothing else? I am just so sad to see how human beings actually put up with this utterly false unbiblical and antichrist religion. But as Satan is the great deceiver, many will be deceived by his power.

What must happen is for the INC member to acknowledge and place God first in their life. If their mind, body and soul are open to God and his Word, when one shares the truth of God's word with them, in conjunction with the Holy Spirit, their soul can be freed.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 8

Lesson 8 - Not by Faith Only – Part 2

By C.R. - August 21 2002

Q: What are the oneness deceptions of the Iglesia ni Cristo?

A: They are oneness of body, spirit, hope, Lord, faith, and God, as specified in Eph. 4:4-6:

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Eph.4:4-6 NKJV)

Felix Y. Manalo has been teaching that the Iglesia ni Cristo is a true church based on its alleged conformance with the oneness prescribed in the Ephesian verses. Looking with a magnifying glass, however, what the Iglesia preaches is different from what it practices. Let's look at each of these:

One body?

Manalo teaches the one body specified in the verse is the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo. This is false. The one body according to the teaching of Apostle Paul is no other than Jesus Christ's flesh and bones body. Let's read the verse:

"For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones." (Eph.5:30 NKJV)

Either Manalo is a very poor study of scripture or is intentionally deceiving and misleading his followers. The true one body is not his Iglesia ni Cristo creation, but, Jesus Christ's own body of flesh and bones.

One Spirit?

Manalo teaches that the Iglesia ni Cristo has one Spirit. This is also false. How can the Iglesia ni Cristo have one Spirit when it uses many versions and translations of Bibles whose authors have conflicting spirits of translations? The following are examples of Manalo's Bible versions and the specific verses in which they are used:

1. Acts 20:28 (Manalo uses only Lamsa Translation);
2. Col. 3:15 (Manalo uses the Revised Standard V.);
3. Eph.2:15 (Manalo uses only the New King James V.);
4. Isaiah 43:5-6 (Manalo uses both Moffat and NKJV. Moffat for the word, "Far East," and NKJV for the "west" word);
5. Eph.5:23 (Manalo uses the Today's English V.);
6. John 10:9 (Manalo uses the Revised English Bible)
7. Col.1:25 (Manalo uses the Rotherham Emphasized Bible);
8. Heb.10:25-27 (Manalo uses the New King James V.)

In Manalo's Iglesia ni Cristo, for every verse, there is a required Bible Version or Translation to be used. Manalo has to use different versions in order to easily pervert the Scriptures. This is evidence enough that the Iglesia ni Cristo is not of Christ because a true church needs only one Bible version or translation. A true church does not have to continually defend its doctrine by resorting to translation hopping.

Other than practicing many spirits in the use of the Bible, what else is evidence that the Iglesia ni Cristo has a different spirit from that which was taught by the Apostles?

"By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God." (1 Jn.4:2-3 NKJV)

Bear in mind that those who are of God confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, meaning, Jesus Christ is not originally human, but when He came to earth, he came as a human. It is illogical and ungrammatical to state that a mere man would "come in the flesh". Since the Iglesia ni Cristo categorically fights that Jesus Christ is a man, absolutely and never was he at one time God, Manalo's religion is therefore not of God. The Iglesia ni Cristo has a different spirit, a spirit of the antichrist. (For more on the Deity of Jesus Christ please visit www.dk777.com)

One hope?

Which is this one hope of the Iglesia ni Cristo? Manalo had been teaching that Iglesia members will be saved provided, step 1, step 2, step 3 and so on are met. In other words, salvation in the Iglesia ni Cristo depends upon the prejudices and caprices of Manalo and your works and deeds to him. If you do not do what Manalo says, you are doomed. What about the teachings of Lord Jesus Christ and His Apostles? Are there preconditions on salvation? Or, will you lose your salvation?

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." (Jn.10:27-28 NKJV)

"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." (Rom. 11:29 NKJV)

It is clear from the verses of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostle Paul that salvation is permanent. It is not revocable. Manalo, however, being a messenger of the antichrist, teaches otherwise. There are many preconditions, and requirements, and other chicaneries, making the salvation a merchandise to extort monies. The Bible as "God Breathed" is clear, salvation is only by Grace (Rom 11:6, Eph 2:8, Act 15:11).

One Lord, one faith, one baptism?

Manalo's claim that the Iglesia ni Cristo has one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, is false. Firstly, in the Iglesia, there are two higher Lords that have replaced Christ and God. These two lords have become the idols of the Iglesia members. Who are these two lords? As we have studied already in previous series, these are the two idols of the members, i.e., Manalo and the Iglesia ni Cristo name. Why have these two idols supplanted Christ and God? It is because these two idols must be obeyed first rather than God and Jesus Christ. Remember in our previous series when God said, "You shall have no other gods before Me." (Exo.20:3). Placing Manalo and the Iglesia ni Cristo name first before God is tantamount to having other gods and lords. While the INC would deny this, their actions speak louder than their words. The second transgression of making and bowing or serving the two idols is another violation of God's command.

Secondly, the one faith that Manalo teaches is faith in the Church of Christ. This is a false faith because the faith taught by the Apostles is faith in Christ (Eph. 3:12 NKJV).

Thirdly, the one baptism taught by Manalo is baptism in the name of the Church of Christ. The true one baptism taught by the Apostles is baptism into Christ Jesus where the baptized believers have become new creations (Rom.6:3-4 NKJV). That is, they don't sin anymore (1 Jn.3:9 NKJV). What is the proof that the Iglesia members had false baptism? They continue to sin as can be observed when they pray for God's forgiveness of their sins, day in and day out.

Lastly, it is the singular name of God that we are baptized under. However that singular name of God, the one true God, comprises three individual components.

Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the NAME of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

The violation of baptism in the Trinity of God means that the baptisms made by the INC are not valid and must be thrown out as invalid and unbiblical.

Q: What are Manalo's accusations against the Protestant churches?

A: The following are the accusations of Manalo about the Protestant churches:

- 1) That the Protestant church is planted by the devil for being the offspring of the Catholic Church;
- 2) That the Protestant churches could not be true church for having split into many various denominations and for having disunities and disharmonies.

On Protestant churches are of devil because they are offsprings of the Catholic Church:

Why is this claim false? Christ had planted not just one seed but many seeds and sons of the kingdom (Mt. 13:38 NKJV). These seeds or sons are the Jews and Gentiles. The Gentiles are the Christians who are in the Catholic Church and in the Protestant churches. The Jews include the Samaritan children. Without the Jews and Christians, where would Manalo get his many Christian Bibles?

The Gentiles is another name for universal because Gentiles are universally found all over the world. What churches are considered universal? They are no other than the Catholic Church and the Protestant churches. The Gentiles are the second group mentioned in Rev. 7:9-17 that will enter heaven. The first group which is the Jews is also entering heaven as provided in Rev. 7:1-8. Chapter 7 of the Revelation has no provision for a third group such as Manalo's group, the Iglesia ni Cristo.

Are the Gentiles (Catholics and Protestants) really mentioned in the said Revelation chapter? Absolutely. Let's read:

"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." (Rev. 7:9-10 NKJV)

Did we read Catholic Church and Protestant Churches in the verse? Absolutely! The Catholic Church and the Protestant Churches are the Gentiles, meaning universal, or Bible's term for universal is "of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues." The Gentiles are the second group of people that has a promise of salvation (Acts 2:39 NKJV). What about the first group which are the Jews? Are the Jews included in the chapter? Oh yes, in fact, they are the ones mentioned first (Rev. 7:1-8).

Take note that there is no mention of any third group in the chapter.

Manalo's demagoguery of Rev. 7:1-3

Manalo teaches that Rev. 7:1-3 is the prophesy portion of his third group. Question is, why would the third, if any, violate God's Bible presentation? It has always been the presentation of naming first the Jews as the first group, then comes the Gentiles as the second group. If there is a third group such as Manalo's Church of Christ group, it should be presented right after the Gentiles, and it is not.

Here are the proofs:

"Even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?" (Rom.9:24 NKJV)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jews first and also for the Greek." (Rom. 1:16 NKJV)

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28 NKJV)

Take note that Jews precede the Gentiles always in the presentation. If there will be third group, it should be found right after the Gentiles. According to the Bible, there never is a third group.

According to the above three verses, there are only two races that have the promise of salvation namely: Jews and Gentiles (or Greek). The Gentile race covers all other races other than Jews. There is no third group that we can see being included. This means that the Iglesia ni Cristo group is unauthorized, meaning, it was not planted by Christ. Who do you think planted this bad seed tare's third group of Manalo?

2) The Protestant Church could not be the true church for having many denominations and having disunities and disharmonies?

Why is this also false? It is false because in the true church, the substance is Jesus Christ. It is Christ who unifies everything. The Jews and the Gentiles were united as one in Christ and their circumcision and uncircumcision matters not anymore (Gal. 6:15 NKJV). True, they have some minor disharmonies, but not major ones. And if ever there is any, it is Christ who blends together.

A man married to a woman becomes one flesh. Likewise, Christ and His believers are one flesh in the sight of God. There are no more Catholics, or Protestants, but, what we have are only Christians, or believers of Jesus Christ (Eph.5:31-32; 1 Cor.12:27; Rom.12:5 NKJV).

Apostle Paul knows that there will always be problems of discord, and because of this what is his advice?

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph.4:1-3 NKJV)

All Christians are encouraged to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Because Christians will no longer lose their salvation, they can't help but to work together to keep the unity of the Spirit because peace was already obtained from Jesus Christ.

The question I will like to know the answer to is why would God forsake and not keep his promises, and allow the entire world from the time of the apostles to 1914 to burn for eternity in hell until his super special messenger appeared? That is just ridiculous. God would not allow everyone in the world to burn for eternity in hell, and not preserve and keep his Words.

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

The words of Jesus Christ, God, have never and will never pass away. While the early church was heavily persecuted, it survived and was never lost. The true always comes before the counterfeit.

The INC is just another example of how fake and false religions and cults are created. There are thousands and thousands of false religions and cults in the world. They are started by sinful men and woman who claim to be the only person in the entire world who God has revealed the truth to. All of them are false and messengers of the antichrist.

The simple test to tell if a church or religion is false and from the devil is this:

- 1) Do they claim to be the one and only true church of Christ?
- 2) Do they have a "messenger of God" who has been revealed the only path of salvation?

As we can see, Felix Manalo and his man made Iglesia ni Cristo religion fits both requirements of being a false religion. While there are many denominations of Protestant Christianity, the differences lay mainly in how they choose to worship God and conduct their services. The truth that is preached is uniformly consistent. Biblically, there were many different churches described in the Bible, specifically in Revelation chapter two through three. These seven churches all had different attributes and were different from each other. The scapegoat attempt of the INC to use the denominations of Protestant Christianity to prove itself is invalid.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 9

Lesson 9 - One Organized Church

By C.R. - August 20 2002

Q: What is the Iglesia ni Cristo's mini worship service?

A: The Iglesia ni Cristo's leader, Erano G. Manalo, has come up with batteries of additional worship services that are not discernible by Iglesia members. These additional worship services are called mini worship services. These mini worship services have only two parts--- prayers and Manalo teaching. They are currently being done in the nightly devotional prayers and in the weekly family prayer gatherings.

These mini worship services do not have offerings for now, but due to the Iglesia ni Cristo's Law of Increasing Responsibilities, it is expected that EGM will religiously obey the law. That is, offerings will soon be collected in the very near future. These mini worship services are already becoming forced worship services due to the monitoring of the attendances in such gatherings.

The mini worship service scheme was put to a test first in the family prayer gatherings. Upon being successful, they are now being implemented in the devotional prayers such as the two weeks devotional prayers that had passed in the July 27th anniversary thanksgiving worship. Why do you think there were no regular worship service thanksgiving lessons given for the anniversary? It is because the verses were already discussed during the two weeks nightly devotional prayers, where before praying, the minister reads the verses to scare the heck out of every member attending the devotional prayers so that they will give more money gifts for the coming anniversary worship of Felix Y. Manalo.

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 9 and what are its fallacies?

A: The following is an excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson #9"

"LESSON NO. 9 - One Organized Church

Theme: The true believers in Christ are in one organized Church, the true Church of Christ.

Summary: Those who do not give value to the Church have two ways of denying the necessity of the Church of Christ. One way is by stating bluntly that the Church is not necessary for salvation. They say that it is enough to accept Christ as one's personal Savior. They say that those who stress the need for the Church consider the church as another Savior. Another way is by saying that the Church consists of all the people who believe in Christ whatever church they belong to. Consequently, they say it is futile to try to find out which organization is the true Church of Christ, since all these churches are of Christ." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.36)

The fallacies of this Gospel of Manalo Doctrine #9:

First, the theme of the doctrine is an outright deception. The Church of Christ established by Felix Y. Manalo is a church planted by the antichrist because it was established only in 1914 AD. The true church established by Christ was in 1 AD. According to 1 Tim. 4:1, only in latter times will some depart from the true faith. Which is latter time? 1 AD or 1914 AD? Absolutely, 1914 AD is a latter time. Manalo will have to produce a document that he had established his Iglesia ni Cristo cult sometime in BC so that he can beat the latter time mark of a devil's church.

Secondly, Manalo's Church of Christ cannot even be found in the Holy Scriptures. Despite Manalo's rummaging all available versions and translations of the Bible looking for a verse he can use for his Church of Christ cult, he is still short because what he had found is a clear miss---church of Christ, which is, not a name of any particular church. And the Lamsa Translation is not even accurate because Acts 20:28 should be "church of God" not "church of Christ" (Acts 20:28 NKJV).

Manalo has always resorted to violence on the Scriptures to remedy the situation. He does this by using his tools of deceptions, which are-- pairs of scissors, pastes, and stocks of capital letter C's. He always cuts the small letter "c" from the written word "church" and replaces it with capital "C" from his pockets, and boom, there is "Church of Christ" name deception.

Additional evidence that Manalo's church is not a church of God or of Jesus Christ:

Manalo teaches we should give value to the "Church" (inferring the Church of Christ). What does this mean? It means Manalo has created an idol, an image, a god that must be given value, must be worshiped, and served, in defiance to the true God who should be the one to be valued, worshiped, and served. Manalo has interjected his false church in between God and the believer, a serious crime.

Other unbiblical doctrine of Manalo in this:

1) The body of Christ is the Church of Christ? Let's read Manalo's Scripture basis:

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful." (Col. 3:15 RSV)

"And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence." (Col.1:18 NKJV)

Why do you think Manalo uses two different Bible versions for the same Colossian book? He has to pervert the Scriptures, this is why. Let's read the NKJV of Col.3:15:

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful." (Col.3:15 NKJV)

The difference between RSV and NKJV of Col. 3:15 is that the NKJV is not easy to pervert because the NKJV has the word "also" and the body is not separate (described as "in one body") whereby the RSV describes the body as if separate ("called in the one body").

Where the heck did Manalo find in the two verses of Colossians (3:15 & 1:18) the name Church of Christ? What we can find is only the word "church" in Col.1:18. Uh oh, Manalo still has his tools in his pockets! He has changed the word "church" into "Church of Christ". And he has added some supplies, too. In addition to his pastes and scissors, now he has supplies of the letters, o-f-c-h-r-i-s-t. That is why Manalo's pockets are bulging and pregnant, he was able to pass the metal detectors with his pockets full of his deceiving tools. Fortunately, Manalo is stopped by the truth detector of God.

Which is really the body of Jesus Christ? Let us go now to the inerrant truth of Scripture:

"Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." (1 Cor. 12:27 NKJV)

The "body of Christ" as taught by Apostle Paul is the members! Never is it the Church of Christ of Felix Manalo. I wonder if Felix actually knew what he was doing, or if he was just a pathological liar.

2) The one new man is the Church of Christ? Let's read the Scripture basis of Manalo:

"having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace." (Eph. 2:15 NKJV)

Where is the Church of Christ name that Manalo says is in the verse? The verse says, "create in Himself". Who do you think is the Himself? Is it Church of Christ or is it Jesus Christ? Off hand, we know readily that Himself is not the Church of Christ of FYM. The pronoun Himself is neither a neuter nor a female gender. Himself is a male gender and because it is capitalized it refers to Jesus Christ Himself!

To be sure that this one new man is Jesus Christ, let's go to the further explanations of Apostle Paul:

"But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth as in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." (Eph. 4:20-24 NKJV)

The one new man is Jesus Christ. It is Jesus Christ whom we must put on (Rom.13:14 NKJV). What about the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ man? What man is this? This man is the idol created by Felix Manalo! And what about the old man, well, the old man is the former conduct that is corrupt.

Let's now have a short quiz of the different men we have studied, so far:

Identify the following men with those mentioned in a through e:

- 1) Old man _____
- 2) Scissorman _____
- 3) New man _____
- 4) Church of Christ man _____

- a) Jesus Christ
- b) Former conduct
- c) Idol or image created for worship
- d) Felix Y. Manalo

After completing your answers, check your answers with the following official answers: 1) b 2) d 3) a 4) c.

3) The will of the Father is to become Church of Christ members? What is the Scripture basis of Manalo for this perversion? Let's read:

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Mt.7:21 NKJV)

"having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him." (Eph.1:9-10 NKJV)

Manalo's perversion is making the will of God in Mt. 7:21 to refer to the mystery will as spoken in the Ephesian verse to mean the gathering of all people to become Iglesia ni Cristo members. He says it is the will of God that all people must become Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ members.

Why is it a perversion? Firstly, the will in Mt.7:21 is absolutely different from the mystery will provided in Eph.1:9-10. Secondly, the will in the Matthew verse pertains to present time while the will in the Ephesian verse pertains to future time when God will establish his eternal kingdom. Thirdly, it would be a folly to apply the will in the Matthew verse to the mystery will in the Ephesian verse making all Iglesia ni Cristo members because the Ephesian verse is a gathering of all things on earth and in heaven! You can not do that. Can you make all things on earth become Iglesia members?

Imagine? Making the dogs, cats, fish, birds, trees, grass, mountains, become Iglesia ni Cristo members? My goodness, how will Manalo preach his gospel to these creatures? Another problem is how in the world can these creatures attend the Iglesia's forced worship? The fishes alone are problems. Deacons and deaconesses will catch them, put them in aquariums, and bring them to the Iglesia worship service. What if, there are mischievous and hungry deacons who would want the fishes for supper? The fishes won't reach the chapels but will end up in their stomachs. What about baptizing the bamboo trees and mango trees converts? Manalo will have to construct deep and huge baptismal pools because the Iglesia's baptism is by immersion. How about witnessing the Iglesia's worship service where crocodiles, gorillas, apple trees, worms, birds, sit side by side with people? It will be chaos! A two hour worship service would bring the all creature parishioners eating each other. What about money offerings by non humans? Since Manalo will not accept in kind offerings, the dogs and cats and trees will have to sell themselves to have monies. And if they sell themselves, they would not be able to attend the worship services. If all creatures on earth are problems becoming Iglesia members, how much more would it be if creatures in heaven will be forced to become Iglesia members? Probably the angels of heaven will rip apart Manalo.

Fortunately, the above scenarios are not going to happen because all things in heaven and on earth are not to be brought to the Iglesia ni Cristo cult, but, will be brought to Christ, who created them all in the first place (John 1:3; Col 1:16). That event will be in the future described to be "in the dispensation of the fullness of the times." When is that? In the end when Christ comes to establish His millennial kingdom (1 Cor. 15:24-28; Rev. 20:4,6), which is a prelude to the eternal kingdom (Rev.21:10-27;22:1-5).

The true will of God on entering heaven:

Now, let us go to the true will of God in order to enter the kingdom of heaven specified in Matthew 7:21:

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Mt.7:21 NKJV)

Which is the will of the Father?

"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (Jn.6:40 NKJV)

According to the Bible itself, the will of the Father is to see the Son and to believe in Him! You can not see or recognize the Son unless grace of mercy by Christ's Father is awarded to you, which will allow you to be able to believe Jesus Christ. Upon believing Jesus Christ, that is the time when you are able to enter the kingdom of heaven. Entering heaven is easy because it is God who does the work of saving people (Jn. 6:29 NKJV). No one can do any kind of work to go to heaven because men are dead (as a corpse) because of his trespasses and sins (Eph.2:1 NKJV). Can the corpse be able to do anything to save himself? No, he can do nothing. It takes the mercy of God to give him life (Rom.9:15 NKJV).

The Ephesian mystery will is really the will prayer taught by Christ (Mt.6:10) concerning the kingdom that will come when the will of God will be done on earth as it is in heaven. This is the scenario when all things on earth and all things in heaven will be brought to Christ. After all things are brought to Christ, Christ will in turn report to His Father so that God will be all in all. (1 Cor.15:27-28). That will happen only when Satan will be imprisoned. When will Satan or the Devil be imprisoned? During the millennial rule of Jesus Christ (Rev.20:1-4).

Additional proofs that believing Jesus Christ is enough to have eternal life:

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life (Jn.6:47 NKJV).

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (Jn.3:18 NKJV).

Based on the above, not believing Jesus Christ is equivalent to condemnation already.

What about believing Felix Y. Manalo and accepting the Church of Christ as our personal Savior? This is defiance to Christ because Christ is the Messenger of God, not Manalo (Jn.17:3). Attaining eternal life according to Jn. 17:3 involve two things: 1) Knowing the true God, and 2) knowing Jesus Christ is one that God sent (messenger of God). Iglesia members are excluded from entering heaven because they do not know Christ as the messenger of God and don't even know the true God. What they know is their fake messenger, Felix Y. Manalo.

Who should we receive then as our Personal Savior?

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." (Jn. 1:12 NKJV)

Believers of Christ are the true children of God. What about the believers of Felix Manalo and acceptors of the Church of Christ as their personal savior? What do you think? Remember the Church of Christ man? He is the idol who can not save. If an idol false god that has eyes but could not see and has ears but could not hear, nor feet that could not walk, how can it save others? It could not even save itself!

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 10
Lesson 10 - The Church of Christ in the Philippines - Part 1
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SHOCKING REVELATION OF THE BEAST HAVING 666 NUMBER:

Q: What is Manalo's persecution of the Catholic church concerning the sign of the cross, and what are its fallacies?

A: The following is found in the Manalo gospel:

"Q. What mark is given to those who are deceived by the false prophets or the priests?

A. The sign on the forehead and right hand ... Rev.13:16;

Q. What is the sign on the forehead and right hand?

A. This is the sign of the cross...Ref: Externals of the Catholic Church, Rev. J.S.Sullivan, p.219;

Q. What is the sign on the forehead and right hand according to the priests themselves?

A. The proof of the anti Christ...Ref: 1000 Questions and Answers on Catholicism,P.O'Reilly, p.240;

Q. What awaits those people who possess the sign on the forehead and right hand?

A. They will be punished by fire...Rev.14:9-11;

Conclusion: Thus, stop making the sign of the cross."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.19)

Again it is easy to see how Manalo is outright lying and attempting to deceive. The Bible clearly tells us what the mark of the beast is:

"So that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666." Rev. 13:17-18

It is apparent that Manalo never has actually read the entire letter of Revelation. Is it more plausible that Manalo and his INC is more fitting of the beast because he is trying to hide something?

Fallacies of Manalo about the mark mentioned in Rev.14:9-11:

Let us bring up the verses to know the perversions of Manalo:

"He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads." (Rev.13:16 NKJV)

"Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of his indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." (Rev.14:9-11 NKJV)

Manalo had changed the Scriptures! What is written is mark on his right hands OR on his forehead. He has replaced "or" with "and". We have underestimated Manalo's pocket contents. Now it turns out Manalo has stocks and supplies of all letters of the alphabet in his pockets. He is always ready to change what is written in the Bible. Manalo has no respect at all to God's words written in the Bible.

Furthermore, Manalo has put words that were not written by his referenced book's author. Let's read what is written in his reference book:

"What is the significance of the sign of the cross?

The sign of the cross is an inseparable symbol of the Catholic faith." (Philip O'Reilly, 1000 Questions and Answers on Catholicism, 1963, p.240)

The reference book says, "inseparable symbol of the Catholic faith, but, Manalo changed the statement into, "proof of anti Christ". Because of this, Manalo is not only a perverter of the Holy Scriptures, but also a perverter and changer of the books he is using as references. Once you start, it's hard to stop.

What is forbidden about the mark?

The verse says, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead OR on his hand." Therefore, there are two requirements, not only one, that are specified by the third angel.

They are:

- 1) Anyone who worships the beast and his image; plus
- 2) Receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand.

Both of these two requisites must be present before one will be punished. The Catholics do not have either one of these requirements. The Catholic's sign of the cross is not the mark because Catholics do not have an option to either use their right hands or their foreheads. Do we see Catholics doing the sign of the cross using the foreheads only, or vice versa, using just the hands only? Absolutely no! Neither Catholics worship any beast or worship any image of any beast or a person that the beast represents.

If Manalo insists Catholics have the mark, Manalo will suffer billion dollars losses from his scammed monies. Why? He will have to pay for the result of his discrimination---he is required to provide artificial hands to armless Catholics or to Catholics who lost both arms or have lost their right hands to allow them to do the sign of the cross. He will also be required to repair the right hands of senior citizen Catholics who through old age or disease have unmovable, or unbendable, or erratic, or twitching right hands, prohibiting them from doing the sign of the cross.

One of the requirements of the third angel for anyone to be punished besides the mark of the hand or the forehead is worshipping the beast and his image. Problem is who is this mysterious beast?

THE MYSTERY BEAST WITH THE NUMBER 666:

If we will read Chapter 13 of the Book of Revelation, we will know that there are two kinds of beasts, namely, beast from the sea (Rev.13:1-10), and beast from the earth (Rev.13:11-18). Both beasts are buddies of Satan (Rev.13:4,11). The first beast, also known as the beast from the sea, is the one whom Mother harlot SDA sits. This was touched on in previous series as the roller coaster beast on which mother harlot SDA rides in an excursion to the bottomless pit.

What about the second beast, also known as beast from the earth? This beast is another monster. The characteristics of this beast are the following:

- 1) With two horns like a Lamb and spoke like a dragon (Rev.13:11);
- 2) Exercises all authority of the first beast (Rev.13:12);
- 3) Performs great signs, even makes fire come down from heaven (Rev.13:13);
- 4) Orders making of the image of the beast (Rev.13:14);
- 5) Granted power to the image to speak and causes those not worshipping the image to be killed (Rev.13:15);
- 6) Causes all rich and poor, small and great, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads (Rev.13:16);
- 7) No one may buy or sell except those who have the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name (Rev. 13:17);
- 8) The number of the beast is the number of a man which is 666.

Who has all these eight characteristics of the beast? Without a doubt, it is Felix Y. Manalo!

Let us tie one at a time these characteristics to Manalo:

1) Two horns like a Lamb and spoke like a dragon - The two horns of the Iglesia ni Cristo which was founded by Felix Y. Manalo are: Far East and Far West. Manalo teaches that his religion will come from the Far East (Philippines), the first horn, and will reach the Far West (USA and rest of Europe), the second horn. Like a Lamb means falsely appearing like Jesus Christ or impersonating Jesus Christ. Manalo had made it known that he is messenger of God taking the position of Jesus Christ who is the true messenger of God.

Spoke like a dragon means spoke lies because the dragon is the devil (Rev.20:2) and the devil is the father of liars (Jn.8:44). There are too many lies of Manalo. One of the many lies of Manalo is telling the first century Christians were Iglesia ni Cristo members. The truth is, the first century Christians were members of the organization called, "Way" (Acts 9:1-2). The second most notorious lie of Manalo is telling everybody that the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ is written in the Bible, but not just any Bible, but only the Lamsa Bible. The truth is, the name Church of Christ is not written in any Bible. Manalo carries always his tools of deceptions which are pairs of scissors, pastes, and capital letter C's to change Lamsa's "church of Christ" into "Church of Christ".

2) Exercise all authority of the first beast - Which are these authorities? They are a) blaspheme God, b) blaspheme God's name, c) blaspheme God's tabernacle, d) blaspheme those who dwell in heaven (Rev.13:6), and e) leading people into captivity (Rev.13:10).

Do Felix Y. Manalo and his Iglesia ni Cristo religion possess all the above blaspheming authorities of the first beasts? Absolutely!

How does Manalo blaspheme God? Manalo blasphemes God by changing the words of God written in the Holy Scriptures. He changes always the word "church" into "Church" or brazenly changing it into "Church of Christ" if you are not looking at his hands. He also teaches all Iglesia members should not exchange their Iglesia memberships with anything else in this world. This is blaspheming and relegating God second only to their Church of Christ idol.

How does Manalo blasphemes God's name? Manalo had instituted a forced worship reviving the forced worship of King Nebuchadnezzar (Dan.3:1-7). This is clear blasphemy against God's name because Manalo has been telling its members it is God who is being worshipped when in fact it is the worship of their Iglesia ni Cristo idol created by Manalo. What else? Manalo is teaching that the many offerings, contributions, and deposits that members are doing are commands of God when they are not. This act is abomination to God (Ezek.22:28). The truth of the matter is, sacrificial offerings had already stopped when Christ had offered His body in the cross (Heb.10:10). Using the name of God in order to deceive people is blasphemy against the name of God.

What about blasphemy against the tabernacle? Manalo had built an imitation tabernacle near the Iglesia ni Cristo central office in the Philippines. The tabernacle of God is the one that was authorized by God that was built by Moses. This true tabernacle is a movable tent, but Manalo's tabernacle is a fixed building structure. A tabernacle built that is mocking the true God's tabernacle is blasphemy against God's tabernacle.

What about blaspheming those in heaven? This is Manalo's mischievous use of Ephesians 1:9-10 where Manalo teaches that according to that Ephesian verse, all things in heaven such as heavenly angels must be forced to become Iglesia ni Cristo members.

What about the beast leading people into captivity? This is the teaching of Manalo to go in and enter the Iglesia ni Cristo cult but after going in members must not go out from it. Members are therefore imprisoned. Manalo has been leading all his Iglesia members into his eternal camp of Manalo. Iglesia members can not even evade the forced worship services on Thursdays and Sundays, lest their deacons and deaconesses will be in hot pursuit to extract for their reasons for non attendance.

3) Performs great signs and even makes fire come down from heaven - Manalo is noted for having performed great signs about the progress of his Iglesia ni Cristo cult. He had appropriated many Bible prophecies that serve as signs to prove his allegation he is from God. How does he make fire come down from heaven? He does this by scaring people if they do not become Iglesia ni Cristo members, they will be burned in the lake of fire, or scaring current Iglesia members, they will be thrown into the lake of fire if they ever leave his religion.

4) Orders the making of the image of the beast - What is the image of the first beast? Let's know this: "Now the beast, which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion." (Rev.13:2). The image that Manalo has created for the Iglesia ni Cristo is the image of wild animals such as leopards, bears, and lions that prey on anyone easy enough to catch or capture for food or for devouring. Iglesia ni Cristo ministers are strong enough to capture and convert people who are weak, wounded, or babies as to knowledge of God and the Bible.

5) Granted power to the image to speak and cause those not worshipping the image to be killed - Manalo and his Iglesia ni Cristo cult speak with authority and power. All members are required to obey for as long as they live. Those who are authorized to be killed for not worshipping the beast are the cold Iglesia members for whom Manalo instructs his guard deacons/deaconesses to find and locate them and bring them back to the worship service or to the fold. Bringing them back to the worship service is tantamount to killing them because not only that they could not have a life of their own because they return to being slaves, but also have no more opportunity for the salvation of their souls.

6) All rich and poor, great and small, are given marks on their right hands or on the foreheads - Everyone inside the Iglesia ni Cristo are given two distinguishing marks by Felix Y. Manalo. First mark is in their foreheads, which is, to remember always that every Thursdays and Sundays, they will have to troop to the Iglesia ni Cristo chapels to worship their idols. Watch out all of you friends of any Iglesia members! You are not invited in their homes on those sacred days. Second mark is on their right hands, which is, the many varied offerings, contributions, and deposits that every member gives to their Iglesia idols. Either one of these marks distinguishes the Iglesia ni Cristo cult from all presently established churches all over the world.

QUIZ:

1) Question: Which established church on this earth that requires more than 25% of your income and requires weekly deposits, and requires yearly increasing of thanksgiving offerings twice a year? (THIS IS THE MARK ON THE HAND)

2) Question: Which established church on this earth has forced worship service every Thursdays and Sundays, and everyone must troop to the chapel buildings, must flip their nametags in the hallways in order to avoid being visited by his deacon/deaconess, and must always obey the Church Administrator? (THIS IS THE MARK ON THE FOREHEAD)

Official answers to both the two questions: Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ (of FYM).

7) No one may buy or sell unless given the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of the beast - The marks were already explained in Item #6 above. The name of the beast is Felix Y. Manalo. The number of the beast is explained in Item #8 below. The buying and selling is exclusively under the authority of the beast. Without the marks, members of the Iglesia ni Cristo cannot do buying or selling. Which are these merchandises being bought and sold in the Iglesia chapels? They are their monthly magazines, Pasugo and God's Message, and the certificates of deposits. The Pasugo and the God's Message magazines are not sold to outsiders but only to members. The members in turn distribute them free to non members. What about the certificates of deposits for their yearly December thanksgivings? These are members only buying and selling transactions. The Church of Christ administrator (EGM) sells them in the Iglesia chapel buildings exclusively to members. You can not buy them if you are not an Iglesia ni Cristo member. Members buy them weekly accomplished through their weekly deposits from January through December. At the end of the year, the bought certificates are handed to the buyers who in turn surrender their deposit booklets. The certificates of deposits are placed in an envelope plus additional cash and money orders. The envelopes are to be collected during the Iglesia Thanksgiving worship service (third week of December). The buying of the certificate is a lifetime member obligation.

8) The number of the beast is the number of a man which is 666 - This number is read as six six six which is the number of Felix Y. Manalo, as follows:

Number of the first letter of his name?

F (A-B-C-D-E-F), therefore, F is the sixth letter of the alphabet..... 6

Number of syllables of his name?

(Fe-lix-Y-Ma-na-lo)..... 6

Number of Iglesia ni Cristo prophecies that Manalo had propped up?

(Isaiah 43:5-6; Isaiah 46:11;

Isaiah 41:9-10; Acts 2:29;

John 10:16, Revelation 7:2-3

(God's Message, Special Issue of 1993, Page 13)..... 6

Therefore, the number of Felix Y. Manalo is 666

Here is the command of God to all Iglesia ni Cristo members:

"And I heard another voice from heaven saying: "Come out of her my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities." (Rev. 18:4-5 NKJV).

Take note that the verse says, "lest you receive of her plagues.." All Iglesia ni Cristo members will be punished for possessing the two requirements pronounced by the third angel:

1) Worship the beast Felix Y. Manalo and his image - All Iglesia ni Cristo members worship and bow their heads in recognition to him as their alleged God's messenger. They have placed him as an idol more important than Christ and God. They adhere to his teaching of not exchanging INC membership with anything else in this world, therefore, surpassing the importance of Jesus Christ and God.

2) Given the mark on their hands or on their foreheads. Either one of these two marks distinguishes them uniquely from all peoples of this world.

Now as the reader can understand this was not entirely a serious paragraph but an interlude to show the true nature of the Iglesia Ni Cristo. This section was made to show that even a fairly humorous response is more logical and plausible than Felix's attempt. Not only does Felix not provide any Biblical, logical or rational proof to his claims, he intentionally misquotes the Bible and the studies he referenced.

The simple truth is that the Bible clearly states what the mark of the Beast is. It is implausible that anyone could actually listen to and believe Felix Manalo for attempting to claim that the mark is the cross of the Catholics when in fact it is the number of man, the number 666.

Everyone knows that 666 is encoded in all UPC barcodes, which is what is used to buy and sell. It is these barcodes in the computer age that will be placed most likely in a computer chip placed in the forehead or palm of the hand. It appears that Felix never ever studied prophecy. There were no barcodes, computer chips, world wide TV or any of the requirements necessary to usher in the end times and the tribulation back in 1914.

Let's get back to our lesson studies.

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson #10 and what are its fallacies?

A: An excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 10 follows:

"LESSON NO. 10 - The Church of Christ in the Philippines

Theme: It was Christ who established the Church of Christ in the Philippines by virtue of the fulfillment of the prophecy.

Summary: The Church of Christ which emerged in the Philippines (a country in the Far East) in these last days was established by virtue of the fulfillment of the prophecies of God (Isa.43:5 Moffat) and of Christ (Jn.10:16;Acts 20:28 Lamsa). This is the third group (Acts 2:39) of people in the Church established by Christ. This arose in these last days after the apostasy of the Church built by Christ in the first century as a result of the work done by false prophets. Even the spread of this Church in the Far West (Isa.43:4-6;59:19 NKJV) is a fulfillment of God's prophecy written in the Bible." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p. 40)

Fallacies of this Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 10:

This doctrine is based on a false assumption that the church established by Christ in the first century had completely apostatized or completely disappeared. Through skillful use of perverted two or three verses and with lots of Catholic bashings and Catholic bedeviling, Manalo unfortunately succeeds in creating anger of the indoctrinees against the Catholic church, making easy for him to sell the fraudulent establishment of the Iglesia ni Cristo cult in the Philippines.

The problem is did the Christian church established by Christ in the first century completely apostatize? Let's highlight Manalo's teachings:

"Q. What did Christ prophesy concerning the Church which He built in the first century?

A. It would be led away.....Mt.24:4 RSV

Q. What did the Catholic Church do to those who refused to be apostatized?

A. They did not spare the flock....Acts 20:29

Q. How did Christ introduce the false prophets who would lead His Church away?

A. They are dressed in sheep's clothing...Mt.7:15

Q. Who is that sheep whose clothes are to be imitated by the false prophets?

A. Christ, the Lamb of God...Jn.1:29

Q. Who imitated the clothing of Christ?

A. The Catholic priests...(Ref:Father Smith Instructs Jackson, Rev.J. Francis, p. 214")

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ),Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p. 17-19)

The following are the deceptions of Manalo based on these false teachings:

1) What is written in the Revised Standard Version for Matthew 24:4 is as follows:

"And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray." (Mt.24:11 RSV)

Observe how Manalo had changed the word "astray" into "away". Why do you think Manalo had used the RSV? Because it is easy to change the word "astray" into "away." In the New King James, he cannot do that. Here's what is in the NKJV:

"Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many." (Mt. 24:4 NKJV)

Manalo could not afford to use the NKJV because the verse will make him guilty as the deceiver. Another thing, where would he place his "away" placard that is tucked underneath his belt? His "away" placard is usable only for the RSV. For every word in the Bible that he needs to change, Manalo is always ready with his supplies of deception hidden in his pockets or in his belts. Manalo is as wise as the serpent when it comes to Bible versions and translations to use for easy perversion.

2) Is it the Catholic Church who did not spare the first century flock according to Acts 20:29?

Manalo tries to reinvent history. Here is the true history:

1 A.D. - Founding of Christianity by Jesus Christ (Note: Christ has been going forth from of old from everlasting, Micah 5:2 NKJV);
30 A.D. - Jesus Christ crucified and risen;
49 A.D. - Jerusalem Council attended by Apostles. Council upheld that Gentiles should not be circumcised;
64 A.D. - Start of Christians and Jews persecution by Roman Emperor Nero (Nero had replaced Emperor Claudius who had peaceful co-existence with the Christians);
67 A.D. - Apostles Paul and Peter were executed in Rome by Emperor Nero;
70 A.D. - Roman Legions under Titus, son of Vespasian, destroy the Jerusalem Temple;
95 A.D. - Christian persecution continued by Emperor Domitian. Apostle John, last remaining Apostle exiled to Patmos (an island southwest of Asia Minor, now Turkey);
112 A.D. - Christianity banned by Emperor Trajan. Christians were brought in by informants to be killed;
250 A.D. - Christian persecutions and killings continued by Emperor Decius;
303 A.D. - Most severe persecutions of Christians by Emperor Diocletian;
313 A.D. - Christian persecution stopped by Emperor Constantine, a converted Christian;
313 - 800 A.D. - Christianity flourished and spread;
800 - 1300 A.D. - Christianity became formally universal starting with the reign of Charlemagne of France;
1521 A.D. - Christianity brought to Philippines by Spain;
1914 A.D. - Felix Y. Manalo founded the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ).

It should be noted from the above that during the first century (first one hundred years) the Christians were under the rule of the Roman Empire, a pagan regime. There was no Catholic Church as yet. If there was a Catholic Church, they were the Christians who were being persecuted and killed by the Romans.

It should also be noted that while Catholicism became the dominant denomination during those times, thousands of thousands of Christians, primary from the church of Antioch, preserved the Bible and remained true to the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. Their re-emergence and true preserved gospel occurred during the protestant reformation. It was during this time that the true gospel of Jesus Christ was spread to the entire world.

3) Were the Catholic priests the false prophets that did not spare Christ's flock in the first century? How could the Catholic priests do that when they were not yet born? If it is possible, Manalo will force the Catholic priests to be born three hundred years earlier in order to blame them for the killing of the Christians. Backdating is tampering of history. To reinvent history just to get converts is plain deception. Therefore, Manalo is the fulfillment of Matthew 24:11 as the deceiver of Christ's flock.

Are priests wearing long gowns the savage wolves in sheep's clothing?

Just because the Catholic priests are wearing long gowns does not mean they are wolves in sheep's clothing. Firstly, in Jesus Christ's time, everyone wore long gowns. Were all the people in Christ's time savage wolves? Secondly, in the present time, priests are not the only ones who wear long gowns. If Manalo insists those wearing long gowns are savage wolves, he would be killing all the savage wolves doing hymn singing in his Iglesia chapels because Manalo's choir members all wear long colorful gowns. If Manalo enforces his dark obsession outside his Iglesia fold, he would be killing also the judges of the courts, and the high school graduates and college graduates attending the graduating ceremonies, including the school administrators because they all wear long gowns. What this portends is, if ever Manalo succeeds in spreading his own gospel, there would be inquisitions of unimaginable proportions.

The real false prophets

False prophets had existed even during the time of the Apostles. False prophets have one thing in common---they lead you away to serve another god (Dt.13:1-2). What does "in sheep's clothing" really tells us? It tells us they identify themselves as sheep or people of God though they are not. They are impostors. Were there moles inside the Christian church during the time of the Apostles? Yes, there were.

"For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our Lord God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ." (Jude 1:4 NKJV)

Based on the above, there are men who surreptitiously enter as sheeps of the flock, but they are not really true sheeps. They are only in disguises. Actually, they are wolves that prey on the sheeps. These are the true false prophets. Who were the true false prophets in the false century? They were the spies introduced by the Roman Emperors to spy on the activities of the Christians to know who should be brought in to be killed. The false prophets have also introduced some foreign doctrines in order to lead some to other gods. One of them is Arius. Arius is the true father of the Iglesia ni Cristo.

How about in our time, do we have false prophets? Absolutely! As a matter of fact, Christ had predicted them as one of the signs of the end of the age (Mt.24:24). And it is not only false prophets, but false Christs, also. Who do you think are examples of false prophets and false Christs? Since Felix Y. Manalo is already dead, that leaves his son and his ministers in the Iglesia ni Cristo. How do they become false prophets? They lead people to worship another god, which is, the Church of Christ god, or the Iglesia ni Cristo idol. They also worship the beast in our time regularly in July and May. Would you like to see a picture of this beast? Get the May issues of any year of the Iglesia ni Cristo's God's Message and Pasugo magazines.

Who do you think are the false Christ?

They are the Iglesia ni Cristo and the Iglesia ni Cristo ministers. When Manalo teaches that the door specified in John 10:9 in which we must enter is the Church of Christ, we are seeing the false Christ.

When Manalo teaches that Iglesia members must abide in the vine as provided in John 15:5 and a corresponding Manalo teaching that any Iglesia member who does not abide in the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ can not do anything to save himself because he did not abide in the vine, we are seeing the false Christ.

When the Iglesia ni Cristo teaches Felix Y. Manalo is the messenger of God when according to the Bible it is Jesus Christ who is the true messenger of God (Isa.61:1; Lk.4:18; Jn.3:17;17:3; 1 Jn.4:14), we are seeing a false Christ in the person of Felix Y. Manalo.

When we see the Iglesia ni Cristo ministers carrying different Bible versions and translations pretending to be sheeps and who shamelessly change the words of God written in the Bible, and who tell Iglesia members always to have the obedient mind of Christ to remain Iglesia members until the end of their lives, we are seeing the false prophets and false Christs guiding those deceived to their deaths.

What are the proofs that the Christian church established by Christ did not disappear?

Biblical Proofs:

"Go therefore and make disciples of the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Mt.28:19-20 NKJV)

"For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Mt.18:20 NKJV)

The fact that Lord Jesus Christ promised He will be with the Apostles and His disciples always even to the end of the age, is proof that the Christians were not abandoned by Christ up to our time, even today.

Visual Proofs:

First visual proofs are our Christian Bibles that we can see everywhere. Even tares such as the Iglesia ni Cristo cult have them in order to disguise themselves as sheeps but inside they are ravenous wolves. The INC ministers and Manalo use the same Bibles that the so called apostates made for their use.

Lord Jesus Christ has been faithful with His promise. He had protected Christianity from the Muslim conquerors, as it was then (from Ottoman Empire) as it is today (from International Muslim extremists). Christianity always triumphs.

Second proofs, we can see many Catholics and we can see many Protestants walking all around the globe. There is Pope John Paul II who is a Catholic from Poland, and there is President George W. Bush, a Protestant, from the United States.

Jesus Christ promised that his words will never pass away.

Mark 13:31 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

The good news is the Words of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ have never passed away. While the churches of God were under intense persecution, while many false doctrinal elements became incorporated into Catholicism, God never forsake his people. The entire world has been preached the true gospel of salvation.

The biblical facts are it is false antichrist organizations like the Iglesia ni Cristo that are the true apostate false religions. They deny and reject the only path of salvation, Jesus Christ. False cults like the INC, SDA, Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons, Islam and many others all have one thing in common. There are two tests any person can do to test and see if a church or religion is false.

1) Do they claim to have a direct messenger of God?

If they do, they are in violation of scripture:

Hebrews 1:1-2 "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe."

If any religion or church claims to have a direct messenger of God, such as Ellen White, Mohammed, or Felix Manalo, that organization is neither of God nor Jesus Christ.

2) Do they reject the claim of Jesus Christ?

If they do, they are in violation of scripture:

"But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins." (John 8:21)

"We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God." (John 10:33)

It is the goal of Satan to attack the one truth of salvation, the only source of salvation, Jesus Christ. All organizations that deny and reject that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, God manifested in the flesh, are the true apostates.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 11

Lesson 10 - The Church of Christ in the Philippines - Part 2

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Q: What is Manalo's war on monies?

A: Manalo's war on monies is a different kind of war not of the flesh and blood but of wits and tricks to extort monies of Iglesia ni Cristo members and making them happy for doing so. It is a one sided war where Manalo is always the victor while members always surrender -- i.e., surrender their monies. It is also a war that has no end. It recurs yearly, and in fact, twice a year every July and December. It is similar to the War on Poverty, only that its guiding principle is the reverse -- instead of uplifting the members from poverty, Iglesia members become more impoverished.

Q: How does Manalo successfully wage his war on member's monies?

A: This war is patterned at such a war as World War I or World War II. In a conventional war, there is always preparation and a plan to win the war. There is always logistics involved on proper use of materials and personnel. There is a war room where the generals convene to see how the war is progressing using a huge map where the concentrations of enemies are placed on the map, their probable attack plans are shown, and the consequent plans to launch the counter attacks.

So is the Manalo's war on monies. He has a plan, has personnel and materials, and has a war room managed by his generals of the Iglesia army of ministers to oversee the ongoing war. As a Commander in Chief of the Iglesia ni Cristo army, Manalo is fed with all the information including the success of the war, which is, the capturing of tons of moneys from members.

THE PLAN

Every Iglesia ni Cristo congregation that has an established chapel, worship services, and a Manalo appointed minister, must surrender a money thanksgiving that is more than what was surrendered last year. Ministers must see to it that his assigned congregation fulfills this faithfully.

THE PREPARATION

EARLY:

Early in January, suitable Bible verses are incorporated into the worship service sermons, teaching members and reminding them of their obligations that they must prepare in advance (using 2 Cor. 9:2 NKJV) for their respective thanksgivings in December. Deacons and deaconesses are instructed to see to it that every member under their care has thanksgiving deposit booklets which will be used in making weekly deposits.

MIDTERM:

Ministers check the progress of the thanksgiving deposits regularly every end of March, June, September, and November. To make sure that members comply with the abounding of thanksgiving. This is accomplished by comparing member's current year to date deposits with previous year's deposits. Any deficits found gives authority of the minister to stress faithfulness and curse free making of deposits in the Thursday and Sunday worship services in order to correct the downward trend. This is to make sure that no one lags behind in his/her deposits.

FINAL:

Four or eight worship services prior to the scheduled thanksgiving day, the worship service sermons are about perfect manners of complying with the thanksgiving obligation. The sermons are about the curses that happened to those who did not properly perform their obligations. Of course, blessings are incorporated also in the sermons for those who faithfully obeyed acceptable manners of giving thanksgivings to God.

Also, one week prior to the thanksgiving day, members are required to do seven days of devotional prayers nightly in the Iglesia chapels. In such devotional prayers, members must recollect how God had saved them from various accidents, sickness, and other calamities. Manalo reminds them that God can kill anyone anytime even if you are in your respective offices, just like what happened to the thousands who died in the twin towers of New York when they were blown up by the terrorist last Sep. 11, 2001. Members are enjoined to name the prices or values of their lives and if such values merit the thanksgiving monies they will be giving to God. Most important of all that members must recollect is the grace of God of allowing them to remain inside the Iglesia ni Cristo. According to Manalo, salvation alone is priceless. How much would you pay in order to live in the Holy City of pure gold? How much would you pay for the eternal life given by God? How much would you pay God for saving you from the lake of fire? All these recollections ordered by Manalo are sufficient to bleed the hearts of members in order to give almost all of their monies or even be indebted just to satisfy the good mercies of God.

The Thanksgiving Worship Day:

All members are ready for their envelopes. Names and amounts are written outside the envelopes for proper recording of reports. Manalo is also ready with his sermon to prop up the egos of members imploring how God is very much pleased with their thanksgiving offerings. The deacons and deaconesses collect the envelopes from each seated members. Armed guards are already placed in strategic locations around the chapel. Usually, about \$200,000 cash and money orders are collected which represents a third of the total thanksgivings. Manalo does not want to lose any monies from possible stickups. Responsibilities in handling the monies are wisely spread among trusted finance and head deacons officials, therefore, precluding inside job stealing. Money handlers are required to pay pro rata for any missing monies. The monies are guarded overnight for deposit in the morning. The congregation issues one check for the cash, money orders, and personal checks. The certificates of deposits are disregarded for these monies were already taken in advance by Manalo. The congregation's bank account serves only as clearing account for these money transactions.

Manalo's War Room:

The thanksgiving day is simultaneously done all over the world. On the day of the thanksgiving, the war room is ready and functional. There is a map of the world that shows the Iglesia ni Cristo congregations scattered all over the world marked with pins. Results of the thanksgivings are required to be faxed that same night by the assigned ministers to the central office in the Philippines where the war room is situated. Ministers and preparers of the statistic reports will not sleep until the work is done and faxed to the war room. The statistical reports show the year's thanksgivings compared with last year's thanksgivings and increase/decrease percentages of changes. The generals plot the money increases of each and every congregation.

The money generals are excited of the dozen congregations that usually surrender the highest thanksgivings. As the fax reports come in, there are "Yeas" and "Nays". "Yeas" for all that has produced abounding thanksgivings. And "Nays" for those ministers who faxed decreased thanksgivings. There is a general secretary that keeps tab of accumulated monies that will soon be received by mails.

Minister's Judgment Day:

Ministers already know by the time they faxed their thanksgiving congregation results whether they will receive blessings or curses. Ministers are ranked as to their thanksgiving production from highest to lowest. Those producing the cream top twelve will be awarded promotions, allowance increases, and prestigious congregation assignments. The ministers who are neither top twelve or the bottom dirty dozen ministers are not entitled to blessings or punishments. They just performed what they were required to do; in essence, they had just performed a satisfactory job. The bottom dirty dozen, however, will incur the wraths of Commander in Chief Manalo, for they have failed their thanksgiving production jobs. These bad ministers deserve to be demoted, their pays cut, and reassigned to a remotest place or barrio in the Philippines, or even be reassigned in Mindanao to fend themselves against the Abu Sayyaf kidnappers or the Muslim secessionist forces of Mindanao in southern Philippines.

The Day after the Thanksgiving:

It is the members' day of reckoning. Members will now realize how they have lost their monies. It is a day of grieving and thinking how in the world did they voluntarily part with their hard earned monies. The monies could have been used wisely to pay their mounting debts. The monies could have been saved for their retirements and purchasing their family's needs. Now, the money is gone. The depression is too much for some. There are reported suicides for those unable to cope. Others just banished themselves out of shame to hide from their relatives. There was a reported head deacon from the Ilocos region in northern Philippines who was rich and having several agricultural lands. Upon becoming an Iglesia ni Cristo member and had appointed as head deacon, had annually sold his landholdings to make sure his thanksgivings is the highest until he had no more lands left. One night, he and his family disappeared to start a new life at an undisclosed place out of shame from non Iglesia relatives.

Thanksgiving Aftermath Shocker:

There is a very big shocker that affects many members. Because of the excessive thanksgiving increase that members have given, they are required now to deposit the same amount next year plus corresponding increase. For example, if a member's total thanksgivings (deposits plus supplementary cash) is \$5,000 this year, the member must deposit this same new amount next year plus additional.

What a shocker!

Worship Service is eraser of all Iglesia hurtings:

Manalo is wise enough to soothe the wounded feelings of members. He does this through his worship service that members can not do away with. It is Manalo's worship service that does the trick of equalizing the anomalies being done inside the Iglesia ni Cristo. The worship service serves as the eraser of all ill feelings against the Iglesia ni Cristo, and all doubts on its teachings, and all problems of being an Iglesia member. The worship service is designed to restore trusts in the Church Administrator.

Manalo teaches that God will solve every problem of members because they are the children of God. Manalo teaches that the monies they have lost will be replaced by God with much more monies and blessings. Manalo is so powerful in designing a worship sermon that will make all Iglesia members cry that after leaving the worship service, they are refreshed, reinvigorated, rehashed, and makes them forget their problems so that once again they will be able to continue and remain as slaves of Manalo.

Members' attendance in the worship service is of utmost important to Manalo. Without the forced worship service, the Iglesia ni Cristo dies a natural death. Manalo instills into the minds of members always that it is not God who benefits in the worship service, but it is them who benefits. That is why Manalo emphasizes never to be absent from it. He scares them into believing that there will be no more remedy for such sin if they ever become absent. He scares them into thinking that God will not be pleased on those who do this most evil act. Manalo scares them into believing that their names in the Book of Life will be delisted by God. To make sure that no one escapes the worship service, he instructs his deacons and deaconesses to get their reasons for being absent. Manalo even deputizes fathers and mothers to make sure their children attend the worship. And deputizes every member to look out and not allow any one they know to be absent from the worship. Manalo reviews regularly the absence reports submitted by his deacons/deaconesses for possible correction sermons.

Manalo's fooling of members:

Manalo teaches forsaking the worship service is the most dreadful sin a member can ever commit because there is no more remedy for it except the lake of fire that will consume the forsaker. Guess what? Manalo violates his own teaching. He provides a remedy. He sends his deacons/deaconesses and ministers to cajole the erring members to come back to the worship service. Ministers will go to the extent of pleading and kneeling to get back cold members. Manalo wants his cold members back dead or alive.

Manalo Plays Witch Doctor and Fortune Teller:

Manalo teaches that members must pray to God so that their problems will be solved. But Manalo plays safe by becoming a fortune teller. He has an escape route in case members will not receive what they pray for. He says if members do not receive what they pray; the problem is not God's but the members'. Probably, he says, the members have been remiss in their duties, or probably the members were having sinful lives, or probably the things that they pray for will not result in their salvation. What a witch doctor!

Q: How do we know that all the prophecies being used by Manalo are stolen prophecies?

A: Manalo can not provide, not even one, fulfillment verse to confirm his prophecies. He uses only fulfillment that come from his mouth. It is the Apostles teaching that prophecies must have confirmation (2 Pet.1:19). As a rule, prophecy appointments found in the Old Testament must have their respective fulfillment verses in the New Testament. The following are examples:

1) Prophecy and fulfillment verses of John the Baptist:

Prophecy.....Isaiah 40:3;

Fulfillment of the prophecy....Matthew 3:1-3

2) Prophecy and fulfillment verses of Jesus Christ:

Prophecy.....Isaiah 61:1-2

Fulfillment of the prophecy....Luke 4:16-18

3) Prophecy and fulfillment verses of Apostle Paul:

ProphecyIsaiah 49:6

Fulfillment of the prophecy..... Acts 13:47

As evidenced by the above, a prophecy if it is fulfilled must have a corresponding fulfillment verse. Prophecies in the Old Testament are confirmed by a fulfillment verse in the New Testament. It is to be noted that the fulfillment verse paraphrases the prophecy or repeats substantially the prophecy. Any person who claims to have prophecies but cannot substantiate or cannot produce the required fulfillment verse is a fake.

Q: What are the prophecies mentioned in the Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 10 that have corresponding fulfillment verses?

A: None. The following prophecies mentioned in the Doctrinal Lesson do not have any fulfillment verse confirmation:

Isaiah 43:5-6 (Moffat & NKJV);

Isaiah 59:19 (Moffat)

John 10:16 (NKJV)

Acts 2:39 (NKJV) Note: Manalo instructs his ministers never to use the NLT (New Living Translation).

Q: How does Manalo pervert the above verses to make them appear as his in spite of that fact that he has actually stolen them?

A: First of all, at this stage, Manalo had already prepared the mind of the member to only accept the controlled substance of the INC. The controlled member is conditioned and has tunnel vision, being entirely closed minded to the actual truth of the verse. Secondly, Manalo is expert in perverting the prophecies. Although he does not own them, he makes them appear as if he owns them by changing the letters using his tools of deception that we already know he carries in his pockets.

The perversion of Isaiah 43:5-6 (Moffat & NKJV):

Manalo has to use two Bible versions to support his invention that the prophecy pertains to the establishment of the Iglesia ni Cristo in the Philippines (Far East) and will spread to the U.S. and Europe (Far West).

"Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west; I will say to the north, Give them up! And to the south, 'do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth." (Isa.43:5-6 NKJV)

"From the far east will I bring your offspring,
and from the far west I will gather you,"
I will bid the north lands give them up,
and bid the south let go,
bringing my sons from afar,
and my daughters from the end of the earth." (Isa. 43:5-6 Moffat)

Manalo's reference that Far East is the Philippines and Far West is the U.S.:

"The Philippines were Spain's share of the first colonizing movement in the Far East..." (Boak, Slosson & Anderson, World History, USAFI, 1942, v.2, P.445) "Far West: California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii..." (World Almanac and Book of Facts, 1976, G.E. Delury, NY,p.88)

Manalo's Deceptions:

True, the reference that Manalo uses has Far East and Far West. Are these the locations mentioned in the Scriptures? Read again what is written in Isaiah 43:5-6. After reading carefully, what are written in the Bible? Are you still being deceived? If you see Manalo's deception, how did he do it? Remember always what Manalo has in his pockets. That's right! He used his scissors to cut the small letters "f" and "e" of the word "far east". And what did he do after that? Right you are! He took out the capital letters "F" and "E" from his pockets and pasted them in the places of the cutout letters, and boom, there is no longer "far east" but we have now "Far East" to agree with his book references! The same thing he did with the words "far west" changing it into "Far West". Manalo is as cunning as the serpent, isn't he? Far East is different from far east because there is only one Far East, but there are as many far easts depending on the places you go and travel. The same thing is true for Far West and far west. There are as many far wests as you move from place to place and there are only certain places comprising the Far West.

The true context of Isaiah 43:5-6

The verse is about bringing and gathering from the east and west and telling the north and south to give them up or not keeping them back. Therefore, right away we catch the deceptions of Manalo because it is not only east and west but also north and south are the places where the children of God are coming from. Which event in history did the children of God gathered from east, west, north, and south? This even happened when the Israelites were exiled and deported everywhere (north, south, east, west) by the Assyrians and Babylonians conquerors after the Israelites' lands were captured. God had used King Cyrus of Persia who defeated the Babylonians to bring back the Israelites from their places of exiles (north, south, east, and west of Palestine). Therefore, Isaiah 43:5-6 is this prophecy of gathering of the Israelites back to Israel. This prophecy is unquestionably owned by the Israelites but is being stolen by Felix Y. Manalo.

To be sure that the prophecy is owned by the Israelites, let's bring up the New Living Translation, and the Living Bible:

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you, I will gather you and your children from the east and west and from north and south. I will bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth." (Isaiah 43:5-6 NLT)

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. I will gather you from the east and west, from north and south. I will bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the farthest corners of the earth." (Isaiah 43:5-6 LB)

Without a doubt, the children that are to be brought together from all corners of the earth back to Israel are the Israelites, never the Filipinos nor the Gentiles. By the way, did the verses say brought FROM the east or gathered FROM the west? If the east is Philippines, it would be a catastrophe for Manalo. Why? Where will Manalo bring his Iglesia members if they are brought out from the Philippines? Manalo will have a monstrous problem where to bring his Iglesia members. If he says, he will bring them to America, uh oh, the verse says, "gathered from the west", it is not going to the west but coming from the west. Now he has two problems. Where will he bring his Philippine Iglesia members and where will he bring his western Iglesia members? His two groups were both kicked out. If Manalo tries to bring his two groups to Israel, probably the Israeli Prime Minister will ask, "Hey Manalo, what is this news I hear that you are telling the people of the world, we, the Israelis, are no longer the people of God? And how dare you to steal our prophecies?"

Q: How does Manalo use the "ends of the earth" as the time of rising of the I.N.C. in 1914 and what are its fallacies?

A: Manalo says the phrase "ends of the earth" found in Isa. 43:6 is time, not place, because the earth has no end. According to Manalo, since the word "ends" is plural, it refers to the time between the end of the sixth seal and the beginning of the seventh seal which is another end. Manalo uses the war mentioned in Rom.6:25, Jer.4:19.13; Mt.24:6-7 when great men hid in caves as the timeline of the start of World War I of 1914 that started in July 27, 1914. Because the Iglesia ni Cristo was also registered in the Philippine government in July 27, 1914 coinciding with the prophecy, Manalo gloats the INC's rising was in accord with the prophecy.

The fallacies of Manalo's time element:

1) The phrase, "from the ends of the earth" refers to place and is not a time because it is preceded by the word "from". If this "ends of the world" is time, then from which previous time? It would be a "Back to the Future" science fiction time that Manalo is trying to make here. If we have to believe this, then we have also to believe that Manalo came from a previous time back to the Garden of Eden when the first deceiver appeared embodying the serpent. Therefore, the devil has now embodied Manalo.

2) It is not because of war that the great men hid in caves but because of the wrath of Lamb that has come (Rev.6:15-17). Take note that the men wanted to die wishing the mountains and rocks would fall on them.

3) The "ends of the earth" refers to the mentioned four points of the earth, which are: north, south, east, and west.

4) What happens before men will hide in the caves is that every mountain and island will move out of their places. This is the coming cataclysm after the tribulations as explained in Rev. 16:18,20. This event or this cataclysm has not yet happened, obviously. Since, it has not yet happened, the kings and great men will not have hidden yet in the caves.

Q: How does Manalo pervert the north and south found in Isaiah 43:6 and what are its fallacies?

A: Manalo (both father and son) teach that the north is Protestantism because it is predominant in North America and in North Europe and that the south is Catholicism because the Catholic Church is in the south of Italy which is Rome, or prevalent in Southern Europe and South America.

Fallacies of north and south teaching of Manalo:

Here's what Moffat says of the north and south:

"I will bid the north lands give them up, and bid the south let go, bringing my sons from afar, and my daughters from the end of the earth." (Isa. 43:6 Moffat)

The verse says "north lands" and consequently the south is south lands. It is never the Protestant Church nor the Catholic Church. How can the Catholic Church and Protestant Church become south lands and north lands? My goodness, Manalo should ban the Moffat's Isa. 43:6. This guy Moffat has become a bad boy. He exposed the Manalo father and son as, like father like son deceivers of men.

FELIX MANALO IS CLAIMING TO BE THE MESSIAH, JESUS CHRIST!

Isaiah 43:3

For I am the LORD, your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your stead.

Isaiah 43:10-11

10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD,
"and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor will there be one after me.
11 I, even I, am the LORD,
and apart from me there is no savior.

Clearly in verse 3, we know it is God who is making this claim and the one speaking. God, the Savior. However, in verse 10-11, who exactly is the one who will do the gathering? Who was God's servant who He had chosen, so that people would believe and understand that "I am" he? Who is the Savior? Who was the one who would bring all of God's children, from all over the earth, back to God?

JESUS CHRIST!

One should pay attention to the quotation marks surrounding verses 1-7. Half of verse one through seven are all in one quote and are spoken by the same, one person.

The quote starts at:

Israel's Only Savior

1 But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

And concludes at:

7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The greatest blasphemy is Felix by trying to apply this verse to himself, is blaspheming the true subject of this verse, Jesus Christ! It is Jesus Christ, God the Savior who came down from heaven as a servant, who will be the one gathering all the Israelites from all over the world, back to God. Not only is this chapter directed only to the Israelites, but it is directly about Jesus Christ the Messiah and only Savior.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 12

Lesson 10 - The Church of Christ in the Philippines - Part 3

By C.R. – September 11, 2002

Q: How were the Manalo father and son busted in their claim that the word "south" mentioned in Isaiah 43:6 is Catholicism?

A: The Manalo father and son were busted in their deception that 'south' is Catholicism because almost all of former Catholic converts came from the 'north' which is Manila and other surrounding towns all located in Luzon, a northern island of the Philippines. In Mindanao, Philippines' southern island, most of the believers there are Islamic or Muslim. If Manalo father and son insist Catholics are from south Europe, it would result in the misfire of the prophecy by about 5,000 miles or more, which is the distance between South Europe and the Philippines.

Q: How were the Manalo father and son busted in their claim that the word "north" mentioned in Isaiah 43:6 is Protestantism?

A: The Manalo father and son were busted in their deception because most of former Protestant converts are American males who are husbands of female members. In other words, sexy female members have discovered first the Protestant males before being rediscovered by their Iglesia ministers. The INC ministers had to resort to threats of expelling the female members if their future American suitors would not allow themselves to be indoctrinated and converted into the Iglesia cult. Therefore, American suitors were made love hostages. The hearts of the Caucasian males are located neither in the north nor in the south, but midway between their heads and waists, debunking Manalo's teaching that Protestantism is in the north.

Q: How does Manalo pervert Isaiah 59:19?

A: Manalo's doctrine concerning Isaiah 59:19 follows:

"Q. When will the Church of Christ reach the Far West according to the prophecy written in the Bible?

A. When the East has already proclaimed the glory of God.....Is.59:19 Moffat

Q. Which part of the Far West will the prophecy begin to be fulfilled?

A. In Hawaii and California....World Almanac'76,p.88

Note: This was fulfilled when the Church of Christ went overseas, when Brother Erano Manalo officiated the first worship service in Hawaii on July 27, 1968. This was followed by another gathering of the brethren in San Francisco, California. These are the official beginnings of the Church of Christ in the Far West." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989,p.42)

Let's read Manalo's cited Moffat verse:

"till in the far west men have awe of the Eternal,
and in the east they see his brilliant deeds,
for his vengeance pours out like a pent-up stream,
driven by a blast of wind." (Is.59:19 Moffatt)

Goodness, what glory of the East is Manalo talking about? Did anyone see the word "glory" in the verse? None! Let's go to the New King James:

"So shall they fear
The name of the Lord from the west,
And His glory from the rising of the sun;
When the enemy comes in like a flood,
The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a
standard against him." (Isa.59:19 NKJV)

Manalo has lied! The verse is actually from New King James. Manalo's perversion is in making the Iglesia ni Cristo's in the East or in the rising of the sun, the proclaimer of the glory, thereby stealing the prophecy.

Who is the real owner of the prophecy?

"For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the Lord will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you,
The Gentiles shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising." (Isa. 60:2-3 NKJV)

Manalo is a thief and a liar! Isaiah 59:19 is owned by the Gentiles. The Gentiles are the ones who will proclaim the glory of God. It is never the Iglesia ni Cristo. The Gentiles are the ones rising in the sun. The Gentiles are the ones prophesied to be given the light (Isa.49:6). Manalo's acts of lawlessness is akin to finding a vacant land and claiming ownership without going to the City Hall book of records to know the registered owner. This level of deception can only come from one source.

Q: What is Manalo's perversion of John 10:16?

A: Manalo perverts John 10:16 by splitting the two groups of sheeps into three in order to accommodate his Iglesia ni Cristo religion. Let's read the verse:

"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd." (Jn.10:16 NKJV)

According to the verse, the two groups of sheeps are:

- 1) Sheeps already in the fold (Jews); and
- 2) Sheeps (other sheep) not yet in the fold (Gentiles)

How does Manalo split the two groups into three? He does this neatly by splitting the first group (already in the fold) into two to be the Jews and the Gentiles. He bumps the Gentiles from their 'other sheep' slot to make way for the Iglesia ni Cristo to occupy the slot. The result of the perversion is shown below:

- 1) Sheep already in the fold (Jews);
- 2) Sheep already in the fold (Gentiles);
- 3) Other sheep not yet in the fold (Iglesia ni Cristo)

Like Manalo, all other cults claim also they are that other sheep.

What are the proofs that the other sheep could not be the Iglesia ni Cristo?

- 1) There are only two groups (Jews and Gentiles) who are called according to the Bible. Let's read this:

"even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?" (Rom.9:24 NKJV)

- 2) There are only two groups (Jews and Greeks or Gentiles who are saved by the gospel of Christ. Let us read this:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (Rom.1:16 NKJV)

- 3) Apostle Peter teaches there are only two that has the promise of salvation:

- 1) To you and your children (Jews)
- 2) To all afar off (Gentiles)

Acts 2:39 NKJV

Those afar off as explained in Eph.2:17 are the Gentiles. The first group Jews include the children who are the Samaritans who were Jews married to Gentiles. The Samaritans were from the former northern kingdom of Israel.

4) In Revelation, the Jews (Rev. 7:1-8) and the Gentiles (Rev. 7:9-17) are the only two groups specified to be in heaven.

Who were the ones already in the fold testified by Lord Jesus Christ?

The Jews (Jn.4:22)

What are the proofs that the Gentiles were not yet in the fold at the time Christ spoke of the other sheep?

- 1) Christ prohibited his Apostles from going to the Gentiles (Mt.10:5)
- 2) The Gentiles were at one time strangers from the covenant of promise (Eph.2:10-12)

What are the proofs that the Gentiles were the other sheep?

- 1) They were called when their time was fulfilled (Lk.21:24)
- 2) They were called after Christ's resurrection during the time of the Apostles (Eph.2:10-12)
- 3) The Gentiles were called through Apostle Paul sent by Christ to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47)

It should be noted here that the Gentiles group are combined of all other races other than Jews.

Distinctions between the sheeps of Christ and the foxes in sheep's clothing of Felix Manalo:

- 1) The sheeps of Christ listen and follow Jesus Christ (Jn.10:4). The foxes of Felix Manalo follow and obey Felix Manalo.
- 2) The sheeps of Christ recognize Jesus Christ as the messenger of God (Jn.5:37;17:3; 1 Jn.4:14). The foxes of Felix Manalo recognize Felix Y. Manalo as the messenger of God.
- 3) The sheeps are believers of Christ (Jn.3:16). The foxes do not believe Jesus Christ (Jn.10:26). They rather believe Felix Manalo than Christ.
- 4) The sheeps of Christ are given by God to Him (Jn.6:37). The foxes of Manalo are given by Manalo's devil father (Jn.8:44).
- 5) The sheeps are being guarded by Christ and His Father (Jn.10:28-29). The foxes of Manalo are being guarded by the devil from being saved (Heb.2:14-15).
- 6) The sheeps are being called by their names and are lead out (Jn.10:3). The foxes are being called in by Manalo by their tagboard names leading them into prison and guarding them so they can not go out.
- 7) The sheeps enter the door who is Jesus Christ (Jn.10:9). The foxes enter the door which is the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo.
- 8) The Shepherd gives his life for the sheep. The foxes, however, give their lives and all their money for their fox fiend, Manalo.

Q: What are the other deceptions of Manalo incorporated in his Gospel Doctrine Lesson No. 10?

A: The following are the other deceptions of Manalo found in his Gospel Doctrine No. 10:

"1) Q. How did Christ establish the Church of Christ in the Philippines in 1914 when he was already in heaven?

A. The voice of Christ would be heard...Jn.10:16

2) Q. How could Christ's voice be heard in the Philippines in 1914 when he was already in heaven at that time?

A. "He who hears you hears me"....Lk.10:16 RSV

3) Q. Who are those whom when listened to, it is actually Christ who is listened to?

A. Messengers.....Jn.13:20 NEB

4) Q. What is the value of listening and following the words of Christ taught by the messengers?

A. He who listens and obeys is set on a rock...Mt.7:24-25

5) Q. What was built by Christ on the rock?

A. The Church....Mt.16:18

6) Q. What is the great fortune and privilege of those who belong to the Church of Christ in the Philippines?

A. They are God's children....Is.43:6

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989,p.43-44)

Fallacies of Questions and Answers #1 thru #3:

Although it is the voice of Felix Manalo, Manalo is wise enough to impersonate Christ (as he does for Is. 43) and says it is Christ whom the indoctrinees hear. Manalo's perversion lies in the use of Luke 10:16 and John 13:20. Take note how Manalo had used two Bible versions for the two verses. RSV for the Luke verse and NEB for the John verse. Manalo is a master translation hopper.

In Luke 10:16, the pronoun "you" (He who hears you hears me) is addressed to the seventy disciples who serve as the advance party in group of two's to every cities and towns where Christ will go. The deception of Manalo is in making the seventy as messengers of God. They aren't! They are only messengers of Christ! There is only one messenger of God in the Christian era---Jesus Christ (1 Jn.4:9; Heb 1:1 NKJV).

In order to be properly connected to God, here is the rule laid down by Lord Jesus Christ:

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." (Jn.13:20 NKJV)

Therefore, the orderly arrangement of scripture is:

From GOD TO God's Messenger Jesus Christ TO Christ's messengers Apostles and His disciples TO people.

Going up in reverse will be:

From People TO Christ's messengers Apostles and His disciples TO God's messenger Christ TO GOD.

Where would the body of Manalo fit into the orderly set up? Nowhere! He can't be a messenger of God because the seat is already occupied by Christ. He can't be messenger of Christ because all members know already he represented himself as messenger of God not messenger of Christ. He can't also claim now at this late hour that he is messenger of the Apostles because he would be risking a kick in the rear from his Iglesia members.

Fallacies of Questions and Answers #4 thru #5:

Those who hear the sayings of Christ and do them are the wise men who build their houses on the rock (Mt.7:24). Take note it is the sayings of Christ. It did not say "sayings of His messengers." Messengers of Christ such as the Apostles and the seventy disciples do not have general unrestricted authority. Their authority is only to preach Christ's gospel (Mk.15:16; Rom.1:16), to heal the sick (Lk.9:2), baptizing in the name of the Trinity (Mt.28:19), and teach the commands of Christ (Mt.28:20), nothing else.

Manalo cannot use John 13:20 because the sent or messengers spoken therein are the messengers of Christ. Manalo is never a messenger of Christ. Manalo's actual position is being an impostor messenger of God, even rejecting Jesus Christ in multiple ways.

The fallacy of Question and Answer #5:

Manalo says what was built on the rock is the "Church" using Matthew 16:18. Is this true? Let's go to his cited verse:

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." (Mt.16:18 NKJV)

Can anyone find the word "Church" in the verse? Manalo says it is in the verse. Uh oh, Manalo went back to his old profession. He still carries with him his tools of deception which are scissors, pastes, and supplies of capital letter C's.

Are Iglesia ni Cristo members children of God?

Manalo says they are. Who are the real children of God? Let's read this:

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God to those who believe in His name." (Jn.1:12 NKJV)

The true children of God are believers of Christ's name! They accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Whose children are the members of the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo?

What do you think? First of all they have entered a wrong door. They have entered the Church of Christ door instead of the true door which is Jesus Christ. They deny that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh (1 Jn. 4:1-3, 1 Tim 3:16). Upon their entering the Church of Christ door, the door was shut and locked with a padlock whose key is kept only by Manalo. They are therefore locked in prison. Which prison is this?

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." (Heb.2:14-15 NKJV)

Iglesia ni Cristo members are inside the prison of the devil. Iglesia members are held as slaves and in bondage inside the Iglesia ni Cristo penitentiary to obey always the commands of Manalo. Manalo scares them in that they will be thrown into the lake of fire should they exchange their Iglesia memberships or abandon their faith for Manalo. They have received the false gospel. What they were indoctrinated into is not the gospel of Christ but the gospel of Manalo.

Who is the one who denies the Lord Jesus Christ? Who is the one who is attempting to make himself the messenger of God, blaspheming the true messenger of God, the final messenger of God? Who is of the antichrist?

2 Peter 2:1-3

"But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping."

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 13
Lesson 11 – Brother Felix Y. Manalo: God's Messenger in the Last Days
By C.R. – September 18, 2002

This part is an expose of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine #11

Q: What are Manalo's Iglesia ni Cristo sleeper cells and why are they more dangerous than the Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda sleeper cells?

A: Manalo's Iglesia ni Cristo sleeper cells are comprised of all fully established cells (committee prayer groups and congregations) established all over the world. Latest estimates of cell membership is approximately 7.5 million to 9.5 million scattered all over the globe. Its income is estimated to be from US\$60 million to US\$75 million annually mostly from its members. Monies are laundered and hidden through names of trusted Manalo relatives and friends and Manalo owned corporations and entities, just like how former dictator Ferdinand Marcos hid his billions of assets. Manalo's source of income are also hidden in stealth as members faithfully follow orders not to declare their Iglesia ni Cristo contributions in their personal income tax returns, a neat ploy to render income of the cult invisible from radar screens of all governments of the world.

The Iglesia sleeper cells are more dangerous because their training is not limited to just six months of the Al Qaeda's. The Iglesia training is very long term, it continues throughout their lifetime. It is regularly conducted every Thursday and Sunday and almost nightly for Iglesia officers who compose more than half of the entire membership. Mind control at its most lethal level.

Obedience to Manalo and faithfulness to the Iglesia ni Cristo corporation is always stressed in the training and meeting sessions. The obedience being emphasized is the obedience until death as exemplified by Christ's obedience to God when Christ obeyed until death to the cross. The faithfulness to the cult that is being stressed is supreme over all things in this world, meaning, over any governments, over any civil and military authorities, and over any members of their own families that may interfere or become enemies of the corporation. Any loss of revenue is a problem for the entire organization and all cells.

Orders waking up the sleeper cells are constantly being tested through dry runs. The latest dry run is the faxes given to all cell leaders established all over the world to stop immediately making separate offerings to the EGM Fund and ordered every cell members to add the monies instead to their local fund offerings.

Cell members complied faithfully.

Cell members were previously activated in the Philippines to support the deposed Philippine president Joseph Estrada, an Iglesia ni Cristo supported president removed from office due to complicity with some kickbacks and missing funds. Cell members immediately complied with the call to duty as ordered--to rally, demonstrate, and seize if possible Malacanang Palace of the newly installed Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. The Philippine armed forces chiefs averted the plot by being loyal to the newly installed president.

Cell members in the Philippine armed forces were also previously awakened to annihilate the constabulary detachment who were supposed to seize Manalo's arsenal of weapons in the Iglesia ni Cristo mansion in Quezon City during the Martial Law regime of Marcos. The constabulary soldiers were unaware of the cell enemy soldier members of the detachment that when they moved near the Manalo compound, instead of anticipated shots coming from the objective mansion, the ambush came from behind.

Marcos thereupon conceived of a plan to get rid of all Iglesia ni Cristo soldiers in all the armed forces of the Philippines. It was suggested to Marcos that the surest way to know who are the Iglesia ni Cristo members is to test all soldiers if they will eat cooked bloodied meat called "dinuguan." It is of public knowledge that one of the doctrines of the Iglesia ni Cristo is prohibition to eat the "dinuguan." However, before the eating test was supposed to be conducted, Manalo was alerted of the plan by secret moles placed in every levels of the government. Manalo, therefore, awakened the cell members in the armed forces with an order: "IF TOLD TO EAT "DINUGUAN", EAT IT WITHOUT HESITATION!"

Marcos was therefore outwitted by Manalo. If Marcos had been successful, he would have reassigned all Iglesia soldiers to Mindanao, the southern island of the Philippines, to fight the Muslim separatists who were noted for chopping the heads of Philippine soldiers in the battlefields.

More ambitious and sinister plots may be in the planning and may cause the awakening of the cells at any time for any objectives to be desired by Manalo. The question is not what nor how or where but WHEN? It is like a ticking time bomb already lighted but soon it will explode.

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 11 and what are its fallacies?

A: Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 11 follows:

"Lesson No. 11 - Brother Felix Y. Manalo: God's Messenger in the Last Days

Theme: Brother Felix Y. Manalo is God's messenger in the last days

Summary: The messenger of God (Rom.10:15 NKJV) in these last days (Isa.43:6) is Brother Felix Y. Manalo (Rev.7:2-3). It was not he who built the Church of Christ but it was Christ Himself (Mt.16:18) by virtue of the fulfillment of the prophesy (Jn.10:16). Brother Felix Manalo was only utilized by God as His instrument to preach the pure Gospel of salvation in these last days. He was the first to preach the Church of Christ in the Philippines. His authority as God's messenger is clearly stated by various prophecies in Scriptures (Is.41:9-10; Is.46:11-13; Rev.7:2-3). Hence, it behooves man to have faith in the commissioning of Brother Felix Y. Manalo."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p. 45)

The Fallacies of this Manalo Gospel:

Firstly, the prophecies (Isa.41:8-9, Isa. 46:11-13, & Rev.7:2-3) mentioned in this doctrine have no fulfillment verses. A prophesy that has no fulfillment confirmation (2 Pet.1:19 NKJV), is a fake. Secondly, Felix Y. Manalo can not be the messenger of God because God has already appointed His Son Jesus Christ as His messenger (Jn.5:37). Christ's reign as Messenger of God extends to the end of the age (Mt.28:20 NKJV). If Manalo insists he is a messenger of God, he absolutely is referring to his devil god who is the father of all liars (Jn.8:44) and god of this world (2 Cor.4:4). Manalo is clearly a messenger of the devil.

Q: What is the fallacy of Manalo's use of Romans 10:15?

A: Let us read this favorite Iglesia verse:

"And how shall they preach, unless they are sent." (Rom.10:15 NKJV)

The ones sent or messengers spoken in this verse are the Apostles who are the messengers of Christ (2 Cor.5:19-20). Manalo can not use this verse because he is not a messenger of Christ. Manalo should be asked what kind of messenger is he:

- 1) Messenger of God? or
- 2) Messenger of Jesus Christ? or
- 3) Messenger of the Apostles?

Manalo better make up his mind because his doctrines have different conflicting spirits. At one doctrine, he says he is messenger of God (Doctrine #11), at another doctrine, he says he is messenger of Jesus Christ (Doctrine #10 using Jn.10:16), yet another doctrine (Doctrine #11 using Rom.10:15, 2 Cor.5:18-20), he says he is messenger of the Apostles. As pointed out in previous series, a true church is governed by one true non-conflicting Spirit. Because Manalo has conflicting doctrinal spirits, he has consigned his members in darkness because they do not know whose messenger he is, thereby making his church, false. Manalo keeps his members in the dark because he is a perpetrator of the works of darkness (Eph.5:11 NKJV).

What about if Manalo lies that he occupies all three titles, i.e., he is a messenger of God, and also a messenger of Christ, and at the same time a messenger of the Apostles? What do you think? The evidence is overwhelming proving Manalo and his son are expert Bible manipulators, sowing tairs of deception, creating their own false antichrist religion.

Another Manalo desecration of Romans 10:15:

Read again how Manalo used Romans 10:15. Do you see anything peculiar? Compare it with what is written in the Scriptures. Did you catch Manalo's other tool that is in his pockets? Right you are! He keeps also some erasers and correction fluid bottles. He erased or wiped out some sentences from the verse. Let's read the verse in its entirety to know which ones are wiped out clean by the hands of Manalo:

"And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:
How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom.10:15 NKJV)

Manalo has erased or wiped out more than half of the verse! Why do you think he did that? He wants to hide something. Manalo does not want you to know that the true messenger of God preaches the gospel of peace! Which is this gospel? It is the gospel of Christ (Eph.2:14;Rom.1:16 NKJV). What about the gospel of Manalo? Can we fairly say it is a gospel of peace? When their salvation is always held in abeyance pending some required tasks and works for the Iglesia ni Cristo, is it a gospel of peace? No, it isn't. They can not take rest! When there is required giving of yearly increasing thanksgiving offerings, is it a gospel of peace? No, it isn't! Their minds are not at peace because they worry for the increase they will have to make and if the increase is acceptable or not. Are the Iglesia members at peace when Thursdays and Sundays come and they are not yet inside the worship service? Goodness, their hearts are jumping up and down! Try to hold any Iglesia member, especially a deacon, for 24 hours on Thursday or Sunday and you will see how his face will turn from calm to panic to fright as the time of the worship service nears and he is being held back. He is scared as hell for not attending the worship service. The gospel of Manalo is not a gospel of peace, but a gospel of duties, troubles, tribulations, money giving, and works. In all unbiblical organizations, grace is replaced by works and deeds.

Q: What is the fallacy of Manalo's use of the Isaiah 41:9-10 prophecy?

A: The fallacy in using the Isaiah 41:9-10 prophecy is his using of a stolen prophecy. Let's read the verses to include Verse 8. Why do we start with Verse 8? It is the start of the paragraph, that's why:

"8 But you, Israel, are My servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
The descendants of Abraham My friend.
9 You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest regions,
And said to you,
You are My servant,
I have chosen you and have not cast you away;
10 Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." (Isa. 41:8-10 NKJV)

Why do you think Manalo does not want you to read Verse 8? He is again hiding something. Manalo does not want you to know that the prophecy is owned by Israel. Verse 8 has the name of the owner of the prophecy so he has to hide it. The pronoun "you" of Verse 9 pertains to Israel as stated in Verse 8. Those who were taken from the ends of the earth (the ends are the four points of the earth, the north, south, east, and west of Palestine) were the Israelites or Jews who were exiled to those territories by their conquerors, the Assyrians and Babylonians. When the Assyrians were in power, the Assyrians owned the territories around Palestine. When the Babylonians defeated the Assyrians, they became the new owners of those territories where the Israelites and Judeans were exiled to. When the Persians under Cyrus defeated the Babylonians, the Israelites were allowed to return back to Jerusalem (Israel).

How else does Manalo pervert Verse 9? He converts again the phrase, "ends of the earth" as a time. As was mentioned in Part 10, the phrase "ends of the earth" is not time but place because of the presence of the preposition "from." If the phrase is taken as time, it will be a time that is left hanging because it has a "from" but there is no "to." Manalo is therefore hanging and dangling on a cliff.

The "ends of the earth" version of Erano G. Manalo is an outright tragedy!

What is Manalo's son's version of the "ends of the earth" time? Erano G. Manalo has discarded his father's version of time period beginning from end of 6th seal to beginning of 7th seal. Instead, Manalo's son uses Matthew 24:33 as the time when the end of the world is "at the doors." Because of this change, Manalo's son neatly and coincidentally made the appearing of the Iglesia ni Cristo concurrent with the appearing of the false prophets and false Christs (Mt.24:24). It is like Erano G. Manalo is shouting to everybody, "HEY GUYS, THE TIME WHEN THE FALSE PROPHETS AND FALSE CHRISTS WILL RISE IS ALSO THE TIME WHEN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WILL RISE!" Oops, the Manalo son has revealed the true nature of the Iglesia ni Cristo. If father Felix is alive, he would kill his son Erano for being candid that the Iglesia ni Cristo church and its ministers are the false Christs and false prophets. What a tragedy!

Q: What is the fallacy of Manalo's using of the Isaiah 46:11-13 prophecy?

A: The fallacy relates again to stealing what Manalo does not own. Let's read the Bible version that Manalo strictly prohibits the indoctrinees and members from reading. Why do you think Manalo prohibits this version? Probably, he is hiding something. Let's read:

"I will call that swift bird of prey from the east--that man Cyrus from far away. And he will come and do my bidding, I have said I would do it and I will. Listen to me, you stubborn, evil men! For I am offering you my deliverance; not in the distant future, but right now! I am ready to save you, and I will restore Jerusalem, and Israel, who is my glory." (Isa. 46:11-13 Living Bible)

It is Cyrus who is the bird of prey! Manalo has stolen the crown title of King Cyrus! Now, we know why Manalo wanted to burn this verse from the Living Bible. We also know the reason why Manalo does not want any indoctrinees, or any members, or any ministers, or anyone on earth, to look and read this verse. Not even to touch or smell it. It is because the title, bird of prey, which Manalo claims it's him, is actually King Cyrus of Persia. Cyrus is the true symbolic bird of prey from the east. Persia or Iran is located far east of Palestine. Even in Today's English Version, the bird of prey from the east is Cyrus by following the footnotes to the verses. All other different translations of the Bible from Chapter 44 through Chapter 48, the names of Cyrus are indelibly written.

What about Manalo? What kind of bird is he? He is referred to by the Bible as the unclean and hated bird (Rev.18:2 NKJV). Manalo is the hated bird who preys on others. Manalo is also a bird of pray--always instructing his converts to pray always (devotional prayers, family prayers, committee prayers, etc.) so that when they close their eyes, he can snatch their monies.

Q: What are the other deceptions incorporated in Doctrine No. 11?

A: The following are the other deceptions laid out in questions and answers format:

1. "Q. Why is a messenger necessary to preach the Gospel when the Bible can just be read by anyone who knows how to read?

A. Because the Bible is hidden in mystery...Rom.16:25;

2. Q. If the non messenger of God study the Bible carefully, will they be able to understand and see God's will which He has hidden in mystery?

A. Religion became a confused affair because some dare to study and interpret God's word, although they have not been sent to do so....2 Tim.3:7;

3. Q. What will befall non-messengers who dare to preach the Bible and people who listen to them?

A. They will be put to destruction....2 Pet.3:16;

4. Q. What right do Brother Felix Y. Manalo and the ministers of the Church of Christ have in preaching the Gospel?

A. The bearer of the seal and the sealers have been prophesied....Rev.7:2-3;

5. Q. What is the meaning of the word "angel"?

A. The word "angel" refers to a messenger...Lk.1:19;

6. Q. Are there Bible translators who prove that a man may be called an angel?

A. The bishop of a Church is called an angel...Rev.2:1 Douay (fn);

7. Q. And what is meant by "seal" and how is "sealing" done?

A. The sealing is the preaching of the gospel...2 Cor.5:18-20;

8. Q. What is the value of receiving God's messenger?

A. Those who receive the messenger receive Christ and God....Jn.13:20;

9. Q. On the other hand, how bad is it to reject God's messenger?

A. To reject the messenger is to reject Christ and God....Lk.10:16;

10. Q. Thus what is expected of us in order that we may benefit from God's commissioning of His messenger?

A. We should have fellowship with the messenger and with the Church of Christ administration in the last days....1 Jn.1:3;

11. Q. What is meant by the messenger's snatching the people from Protestantism and Catholicism?

A. He would snatch people away from these false religions and save them from the punishment of fire...Jude 1:23 RSV

Therefore, this Church, the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), belongs to God and to Christ. Brother Felix Y. Manalo is God's messenger and this we should accept with faith."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.46-48)

Explanations of the doctrine deceptions:

This doctrine has just made a mockery of Doctrine #1 which teaches it is only the Bible that is the basis of the faith of the Iglesia ni Cristo. The Bible is no longer the authority. It is now Felix Y. Manalo who is the sole authority. According to this doctrine, Manalo is the only one given the mystery of the Bible. According also to this doctrine, absolutely, no one will understand the Bible except if it is taught by Felix Y. Manalo.

Question and Answer #1:

Is it really that the Bible is hidden in mystery? Or, is it only Manalo who is hiding it? Let's read the verse to include Verse 26:

"25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

26 but now made manifest (or revealed), and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandments of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith--" (Rom.16:25-26 NKJV)

The Bible is secret only if Verse 25 is to be read. And that is the deception of Manalo. However, if we continue to read to the next verse, (we hope Manalo will not get mad) which is Verse 26, the secrets of the Bible is no longer a secret. It is now made known to all nations! Who commanded that the mystery of the Bible be made known? It is God Himself! And here comes the disobedient honcho telling us it is still a secret. Manalo, therefore, wants to control his members so that they will always be dependent on him for their salvation.

Not only the secrets of the Bible was made know to all nations, but also made known to the following:

1. The saints....Col.1:26 NKJV

2. The Apostles...1 Cor.2:10; Mt 4:11 NKJV

3. The Apostle Paul...Eph.3:3 NKJV

4. The prophets...Eph.3:5 NKJV

Is Felix Y. Manalo given the mystery of the Bible alone?

He claims he is. Is it true? Let's read from the teaching of Lord Jesus Christ:

"And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, so that
Seeing they may see and not perceive,
And hearing they may hear and not understand;
Lest they should turn,
And their sins be forgiven them," (Mk.4:11-12 NKJV)

The Apostles were primarily given the mystery. But those who are outside are not. Which outside is this? Is Manalo included in these people who are considered outsiders who were denied the knowledge of the Bible mystery? Let's read:

"But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie." (Rev.22:15 NKJV)

Manalo is included as one of the outsiders. Manalo loves very much to practice lies. Many lies of Manalo have already been discovered. If we will add to that his immorality of taking advantage of women members of the Iglesia ni Cristo, such as what had happened to rape victim Rosita Trillanes and a hosts of other married Iglesia women who have fallen to Manalo's advice that it is pleasing in the eyes of God to give their bodies to him, it behooves us to conclude that Manalo is a dog and an outsider.

Question and Answer #2:

This question and answer is based on the assumption that Felix Y. Manalo is a legitimate messenger of God. The fact, however, is that Manalo is neither a legitimate or illegitimate messenger of God. He is actually an IMPOSTOR messenger of God. He has robbed the true owner of the Messenger of God title who is no other than the Lord Jesus Christ. Being a robber as he is and denied of the mystery of the Bible, can Manalo if he will study the Bible be able to come to the knowledge of the truth? Let's read:

"always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." (2 Tim.3:7 NKJV)

No matter how much Manalo and his bunch of ministers will study the Bible, they can't be able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Why is it so? Because they were blinded by God (Mk.4:12). Yes, they have eyes that could see, but they can't perceive what they see. What is one example? They have been reading John 17:3 thousand times, but still they could not perceive that Jesus Christ is the messenger of God. This is one of the requirements for attaining eternal life. His ministers and his members fight teeth and nails that Felix Y. Manalo is the messenger of God.

Question and Answer #3:

This question and answer is still under the assumption that Felix Y. Manalo is legitimate messenger of God. Being a false messenger as he is because he is an impostor, this verse properly is applicable to Manalo:

"as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures." (2 Pet.3:16 NKJV)

Manalo has been twisting the Scriptures because he could not understand them. What are some of the verses he twisted? One is the voluntary gathering (Heb.10:24-25) that is being twisted as a forced or compulsory gathering by appending to it a part from another paragraph (Heb.10:26-27). Manalo thought that it is a continuation of Heb. 10:25. These verses, Heb. 10:26-27, is on another paragraph because it has a different topic, which is, Willful Sinning.

Which is another Manalo twisting? The will of God in Mt.7:21 is being twisted as the mystery will of Eph.1:9-10, and because of it Manalo is requiring that all things on earth and heaven must be forced to

become Iglesia ni Cristo members, resulting in blaspheming those in heaven such as the angels of heaven whom Manalo is forcing to be converted as Iglesia members.

There is also the twisting of Col.3:15 to give thanksgivings with monies when there is no monies needed to give thanks to God but only the fruits of our lips giving thanks to His name (Heb.13:15 NKJV). The twisting of the Scriptures had destroyed the lives of Iglesia members giving their monies to be pocketed only by Manalo. The twisting also resulted in the destruction of the salvation of members because what they received was not the gospel of Christ but the gospel of Manalo. Only the gospel of Christ has the power of salvation (Rom.1:16 NKJV). The poor member has been eternally ripped off.

Question and Answer #4:

Are Felix Y. Manalo and his bunch of ministers the bearers of the seal and the sealers? Let's read Manalo's prophecy basis:

"Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."
(Rev.7:2-3 NKJV)

Who are these angels that have the seal of the living God? Is it Felix Y. Manalo and his ministers? Because we already know that there are only two groups of people that will enter heaven, namely the Jews (Rev.7:1-8) and the Gentiles (Rev.7:9-17), the angels could not be Felix Manalo and his ministers. Why? Felix and his ministers seal only his Iglesia members who are his third group. It is absurd that Manalo will seal the Jews. Manalo and his ministers cannot seal also the Gentiles. If they do that, who will seal the Iglesia members?

Who then are these angels? If we will go to the other corollary or related verses (corollary verses are verses that basically says the same thing, supports, clarify, or explain further the verses under consideration), which is on Chapter 14 of the Revelation, we can read that these angels are heavenly angels (Rev.14:6). Comparing Chapter 7 with Chapter 14, we can see that the latter chapter has a third group immediately following the Jews (Rev.14:1-5) and the Gentiles (Rev.14:6-7). Surprisingly, this third group (Rev.14:8-11) will be punished! Uh oh, trouble for Manalo's third group. There is another clue of this third group. And this clue is that this third group was also sealed with a mark on their foreheads or on their hands. That's it! Manalo and his ministers were the sealers of this third group. Oh my, what a turn of the events. The Scriptures have shown us the sealing being done by Manalo and his bunch of ministers. They are sealing the third Iglesia ni Cristo group to be punished on Judgment Day!

What follows after the sealing by the heavenly angels of heaven, the two groups of the Jews and Gentiles, and the sealing also by angel Manalo of his third group, is the harvest time. The Lord Jesus Christ together with His heavenly angels have sickles in their hands ready and perform the harvesting (Rev.14:14-20). And we know what will happen at harvest time. The wheat and the tares will be harvested. What will happen to the tares or weeds? They will be gathered and bundled to be burned (Mt.13:30). What about the wheat? The wheat are the sons of the kingdom. They were the seeds planted by Christ. They will go to heaven or the Holy City or the New Jerusalem. The tares are the sons of the devil. How do the harvesting angels know which are the sons of God and the sons of the devil? Folks, that is the purpose of the seal. The angels know who have the seal of God and who have the seal of the devil.

Question and Answer #5:

There is no dispute that the word angel can be a messenger or one who is sent (Lk.1:19) as used in the appropriate context. However, there are many kinds of angels. There are heavenly angels (Rev.5:11). There are also fallen angels (Rev.12:9). The angels as described in Revelation 14 are heavenly angels. They have powers that are not applicable to human messengers such as holding back the winds of the earth.

Question and Answer #6:

There is no dispute also that the Bishops of churches are human angels (Rev.2:1 Douay). Hey, why does Manalo uses the Catholic's Bible version? He is not supposed to do so considering how much he hates the Catholic priests and Popes. What is this? Kissing the palms of the priests and Popes just because he has to use the Catholic Bible version? What a hypocrite mannerism! Obviously the Catholics added this to their Bible, as this language is in no others. Is no deception below Manalo's taking?

Question and Answer #7:

Is the sealing the preaching of the gospel? Let's read Manalo's cited verses:

"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also, after having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory." (Eph.1:13-14 NKJV)

Preaching the gospel is not sealing, but believing is. The children of God are sealed only after having believed. Who do the actual sealing? The angels do the sealing (Rev.7:3) but of course under the supervision of the Holy Spirit (Eph.4:30 NKJV).

What is the other function of the angels? They do the preaching of the everlasting gospel to humans who are given mercies of salvation. (Rev.14:6). In other words, Manalo and his ministers have become jobless. The angels of heaven are the ones in charge of preaching the gospel to those who were left behind. Those left behind are the members and ministers of the Iglesia ni Cristo.

Question and Answer #8:

The quality and distinctiveness of God's messenger is the ministry of reconciliation? Hey, the verses 2 Cor. 5:18 through 20 are talking about the messenger apostles. Apostles are not messengers of God. They are messengers of Christ! Manalo is trying to fit his body to a group he does not belong. Get out! Out! Out! Only messengers of Christ have the ministry of reconciliation.

Do we still need somebody (such as Manalo) now that the Apostles and Christ's disciples are all dead? What do you think? Manalo is knocking at the door, shouting, "Let me in! I want to preach to you the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo, the true church!" What can you do in this instance? What you can do now that there is a person knocking at the door, is to call the police to report there is someone of disorderly conduct trying to disturb the peace of your home and your life.

No, we don't need Manalo because the Apostles are not dead! That's right. They are alive not dead. Who says this? It's a teaching of Apostle Paul. The spirit of Apostle Paul is with us through his writings in the Holy Scriptures. But what about his person? His person is in the Lord, alive. It is the teaching of Apostle Paul that at any time when you are a saint, you can be either absent or present in the Lord. Let's read the teaching:

"So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." (2 Cor.5:6-8 NKJV)

That's it. Apostle Paul is presently alive and present in the Lord. Before, when he was still on earth before he was murdered by Emperor Nero in 67 A.D., he was present in the body but absent from the Lord. Also are the saints and children of God. When the saints rest, they will be carried by angels to be present with Christ in Paradise.

Okay then, because the Apostles are alive in their writings, in their spirits, and in their persons, we don't need Manalo. But who will teach us? God, the Father will teach us (Jn.6:45 NKJV). And the Holy Spirit will also teach us (Jn.14:26 NKJV). What about Christ? Christ is omniscient. Any two or three gathered in His name, He is with them (Mt.18:20). Therefore, the Trinity God is always with the saints.

Question and Answer #9:

This has been discussed already in Part 10. John 13:20 is the rule laid down by Christ on proper connecting with God, i.e., from God, to God's messenger Christ, to Christ's messenger apostles, to people. Explained as follows: If you received Christ's messenger apostles, you will have received God's messenger Christ, and upon receiving God's messenger Christ, you will have received God.

What about Manalo?

What happens if we receive Manalo? This is the order for Manalo: His devil father sent devil's messenger Manalo while Devil's messenger Manalo sent his Iglesia ministers. Therefore, the indoctrinees receiving the Iglesia ministers receive Manalo who is the devil's messenger, and after having received Manalo, the indoctrinees have then received the one who sent Manalo. Guess who? The devil who is the destroyer of this world. While these are harsh words, the lies of Felix Manalo have been fully documented here.

What about if the indoctrinees reject Manalo using Lk.10:16? Well, if the indoctrinees reject the ministers of Manalo, they will have rejected Manalo, and in turn, the indoctrinees will have rejected the devil who sent Manalo. The devil will cry for this. Probably, the devil will get mad at Manalo's son and will order him to refine his deception methods.

Question and Answer #10:

Are we to have fellowship with the false messenger Manalo and with the Church of Christ administration of Erano G. Manalo? Manalo says, we should. Let's read the basis of Manalo:

"that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." (1 Jn.1:3 NKJV)

Manalo is truly a worker of deceit and darkness. The verse is about fellowship with the apostles, but here he is inserting his vile body with the apostles. Why, was Manalo seen and heard together with the apostles and the Lord Jesus Christ? Manalo should be ashamed of himself. The apostles would not want to be near Manalo. Why? Manalo is a pervert who says those who wear long gowns are savage wolves in sheep's clothing. The apostles all wore long gowns. The apostles warned many times about those like Manalo.

And another thing, what is this business of having fellowship with the Church of Christ administration of EGM got to do with this verse? Did the verse in anyway say what Manalo is trying to make it say? No! Never! This is extreme over extension and distortion of the verse.

The verse is about fellowshiping with the apostles. It is corollary to Jn.13:20. Shall we repeat this? GOD to CHRIST to APOSTLES to PEOPLE. And going up, PEOPLE to APOSTLES to CHRIST to GOD.

How about fellowshiping with Manalo? This is the order: DEVIL to MANALO to INC MINISTERS to INDOCTRINEES. Going up will be: INDOCTRINEES to INC MINISTERS to MANALO to DEVIL.

Question and Answer #11:

Messenger must snatch Catholics and Protestants from fire using Jude 1:23? Let's read the verse:

"but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garments defiled by the flesh." (Jude 1:23 NKJV)

Manalo is having dreams. There is no Catholics or Protestants in the verse, nor south or north. The verse is saving of those who have defiled their garments! What does dirty garments represents? Let's read:

"Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him, He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and will clothe you with rich robes." (Zech.3:3-4 NKJV)

Dirty or filthy garments represent iniquity. While those wearing white or clean garments represent children of God (Rev.3:5). Therefore, those who must be saved from fire are those children of God who dirtied their garments or have done iniquities. What is the rule of God for his children who had done iniquities?

"Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: The Lord knows those who are His, and, let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (2 Tim.2:19 NKJV)

The rule is that children of God who had done iniquities must depart from it.

Therefore, Jude 1:23 is not about saving from fire the Catholics and Protestants, but saving believers or children of God if they are found in iniquities by advising them to depart from it. The fire that children of God are to be saved from is the chastening fire from God. God loves his children so he chastens (disciplines) them (Heb.12:6-7). God's salvation is irrevocable (Rom.11:29 NKJV). Why is Manalo teaching that Iglesia members must go out to get converts so that they will be saved from fire is a lie? It is a lie because if God judged someone to be burned, nobody on earth can save that person. Can anybody fight God? Not even the devil can save himself from the wrath of God.

Sin is no longer a hindrance for salvation because we are no longer under the law of sin but under grace (Rom.6:14 NKJV). Starting when? Starting when Christ paid for the sins of the whole world (1 Jn.2:2 NKJV) when He died on the cross (Rom.5:18 NKJV).

According to the teachings of Felix Manalo, why do the Iglesia ni Cristo members constantly sin? Iglesia ni Cristo members must come to service every Thursday and Sunday so they can be forgiven of their sins by the church of Manalo.

The unfortunate reason why Iglesia ni Cristo members constantly sin is because they are children of the devil. Let's read this:

"He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (1 Jn.3:8 NKJV)

The devil has been sinning from the beginning. So also have his children. Iglesia members are habitual sinners according to Felix Manalo. What is the Bible's term for habitual sinners?

"having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have been trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children." (2 Pet.2:14 NKJV)

They cannot cease from sin. They are sin addicts. That's why they are called accursed children. They have also a heart trained in covetous practices. Which is this covetous practice? It is idolatry (Col.3:5) to their Church of Christ idol. What is the training about mentioned by the verse? Iglesia members are being trained constantly during their forced gatherings. Their training is synonymous to the conditioning of their minds. Remember Classical Conditioning brought out in earlier series? Therefore, the training is brainwashing.

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Lesson 12 – The Promise for Those Who Endure - Part 1
By C.R. – September 21, 2002

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 12 and what are the fallacies?

A: Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 12 follows:

"LESSON NO. 12 - The Promise for Those Who Endure Persecution

Theme: The reason behind the persecution suffered by members of the Church of Christ and the promise to those who remain faithful and firm in their faith.

Summary: Persecutions cannot be avoided because overcoming it serves as basis for inheriting the kingdom of heaven (Mt.5:10-12). Thus whatever kind or extent of persecution a member of the Church of Christ may face, he should not falter or withdraw. He should instead pray to God for assistance in order to overcome religious persecutions." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p. 50)

The Fallacies of this Doctrine No. 12:

Let's read the verses being used by Manalo. Is it really blessings for Iglesia indoctrinees and members to be persecuted?

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Mt.5:10-12 NKJV)

What kind of persecutions are real persecutions taught by Lord Jesus Christ? There are two kinds:

- 1) Persecutions for RIGHTEOUSNESS' sake, and
- 2) Persecutions of saying all kinds of evils FALSELY for Christ's sake (not for Manalo or Church of Christ's sake)

Are Manalo and his Iglesia members and or indoctrinees covered by these two kinds of persecutions authorized by Christ? No! Why? Because the persecutions of the Iglesia ni Cristo are for lawlessness and not for righteousness' sake and also for evil things that are being practiced by Manalo and his Iglesia religion. What is the lawlessness of the Iglesia ni Cristo?

The following are the lawlessness of the Iglesia ni Cristo:

- 1) Representing to the customs of the countries of the world where Manalo mails his God's Message magazines that the magazines are not for sale when in fact they are for sale to members. Undervaluing the magazines which is a misrepresentation of its total value that is less than its total selling value. This is violation of customs laws;
- 2) Requiring its members to work for the Iglesia ni Cristo to do administrative, clerical, and labor work without paying any wages for such work. This is slavery and violation of labor laws;
- 3) Forbidding its members from deducting their Iglesia ni Cristo contributions in their personal income tax returns. This is violation of tax exemption laws;
- 4) Hiding its finances and not filing reports of all its receipts and expenses on its worldwide operations. This is violation of granting charter laws;
- 5) Accepting money deposits weekly without any authority from banking regulators. This is violation of banking laws;

6) Contributing to the political campaigns of candidates for public office for possible use of them if elected. The Iglesia ni Cristo regularly publishes in its magazines the letters of congratulatory messages of well known governmental officials of countries that it supported. This is violation of political contribution laws. The following are the list that was published by the Iglesia ni Cristo in its July 2001 God's Message magazine:

- a) George W. Bush, President, U.S.A.;
- b) Dick Cheney, Vice President, U.S.A.;
- c) Daniel Inouye, U.S. Senator, State of Hawaii
- d) John Sweeney, U.S. Congressman, 22nd Dist., N.Y.
- e) Sandra D. O'Connor, Justice, U.S. Supreme Court
- f) Gary Locke, Governor, State of Washington
- g) George H. Ryan, Governor, State of Illinois
- h) Benjamin J. Cayetano, Governor, State of Hawaii
- i) George E. Patake, Governor, State of New York
- j) Tony Knowles, Governor, State of Alaska
- k) Gary Doer, Premier, Manitoba, Canada
- l) Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General, Ottawa, Canada
- m) Mike Harris, Premier, Ontario, Canada
- n) Tony Banks, M.P. House of Commons, London
- o) Chen Jen Sen, Senator, Taiwan
- p) Mohammed Eis Rashid Bokhammas, Mayor, Bahrain

These public officials could not have known the Iglesia ni Cristo and its Executive Minister Erano G. Manalo and issue their congratulatory letters on the Iglesia ni Cristo's 87th Anniversary had the Iglesia ni Cristo not made itself known to these political figures through contributions and other means.

The Unbiblical Things Being Practiced by the Iglesia ni Cristo:

- 1) Exaction of thanksgiving debts payable by members throughout their lifetime based on misrepresentation of some bible verses such as 2 Corinthians 9:2; 1 Timothy 6:18-19, Colossians 3:15, and others.
- 2) Requiring many kinds of offerings but prohibits disbursing of funds for foods and snacks needed in their weekly bible expositions for visitors, depending instead on its officers and members to cough up and dig from their pockets this responsibility including giving of financial help to families of their deceased brethren.
- 3) Misrepresenting there is no more remedy for those who absent themselves from the worship service scaring members when in truth there is always remedy which is to attend future worship services.
- 4) Scaring members they will be destroyed by God if they do not give thanksgiving offerings.
- 5) Branding members as thieves if they do not give offerings.
- 6) Scaring members they will suffer the fates of Ananias and Sapphira if members do not obey the church administration of Erano G. Manalo.
- 7) Requiring all officers to swear annually to defend the Iglesia ni Cristo when the bible prohibits such practice (See. Matthew 5:34-37).
- 8) Providing sample ballots to members for slate of candidates to be elected on election days and scaring members they will be expelled if they oppose any names of the list.
- 9) Forbidding members from joining any labor unions but could not provide jobs to members separated as a result of it.

10) Using its huge cash deposits in the Philippines to bring down any bank that refuses to submit to the desires of the I.N.C. Executive Minister.

11) Practice of forced worship service.

12) Requiring members to labor, spend monies, time, efforts, in looking for converts, rearing the converts until their baptism, but after their baptism, it is the minister who gets credits. The members who brought the converts receive only a pat on the back.

Therefore, since the persecutions are due to Manalo's lawlessness and due to the unbiblical practices of the Iglesia ni Cristo, they cannot blame the people for telling the truths about the Iglesia ni Cristo. Will Manalo and his Iglesia members be blessed because people are telling the truths? No! The Iglesia ni Cristo and its members deserved to be told the truths. People are only telling the lies of Manalo and how Manalo victimized his members. The persecution blessings are applicable only if members do acts of righteousness not acts of lawlessness or unbiblical practices. Manalo has fooled again his members into believing a lie.

Q: What are the other deceptions incorporated in this Doctrine No. 12?

A: The following are the questions and answers deceptions in this Doctrine No.12:

1. Q. What would Christ's disciples face in the world as forewarned by Him?

A. They will be persecuted....Jn.15:20

2. Q. Why should it not surprise us that we are hated by the world?

A. Christ was hated ahead of us....Jn.15:18

3. Q. Why are we persecuted and hated by the world?

A. Because He has chosen us....Jn.15:19

4. Q. What is the reason why we, the chosen people of God, are being persecuted or hated by the world?

A. We are persecuted for His names' sake....Jn.15:21

5. Q. Should we feel bitter when experiencing persecutions because of our membership in the Church of Christ?

A. We may be reviled but we are blessed....Mt.5:10-12

6. Q. Who will be our first persecutors as foretold by Christ?

A. Our own family....Mt.10:36

7. Q. As soon as we experience this kind of persecution, what does Christ expect from us?

A. We should love Christ more....Mt.10:37

8. Q. Should we be ashamed by reproaches for being members of the Church of Christ?

A. Blessed are those who are reproached because of Him....1 Pt.4:14-16 RSV

9. Q. What did Christ warn those who would be ashamed of Him?

A. Christ will be ashamed of them....Mt.8:38

10. Q. How did the first servants of God face persecution?

A. The apostles rejoiced in their sufferings for the name of Christ....Acts 5:40-42

11. Q. What if our enemies threaten us with bodily harm or even death for following the will of God, should we be intimidated?

A. Daniel was not intimidated by threats....Dan.6:7-10

12. Q. What is God's promise to those who willingly endure sufferings for following Christ?

A. They will be rewarded with eternal life....Lk.18:28-30

13. Q. What can those who endure hardship and persecution for being members of the Church of Christ expect?

A. They will be made worthy of the kingdom...2 Thes,1:4-5

14. Q. What will the Church of Christ members experience in God's kingdom?

A. They will experience neither hunger nor thirst...Rev.7:13-17

Explanations of the Deceptions:

Q&A #1 - Church of Christ members were forewarned by Christ they will be persecuted? Let's read the verse:

"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also." (Jn.15:20 NKJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ was talking to His disciples. The servants are the disciples while the master is Christ. If Christ is persecuted, the disciples will also be persecuted. Why does Manalo use this verse when his indoctrinees are not the disciples of Christ? Iglesia members are only disciples of Manalo. To tell it frankly, it is Manalo who is persecuting the apostles. Do we remember the persecution by Manalo saying things falsely about the apostles? Yes, we do. Manalo has said those who wear long gowns like the gowns of Christ are savage wolves in sheep's clothing. It is persecution by Manalo of the apostles because the apostles wear long gowns too, like Christ. Are the apostles savage wolves? No! Therefore, the apostles are falsely persecuted.

Q&A #2 - Why should it not surprise indoctrinees and members if they are hated by the world because Christ was hated ahead of them? Let's read the verse:

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you." (Jn.15:18 NKJV)

For goodness' sake, the "you" pronoun pertains to Christ's apostles and disciples. It is never the Iglesia ni Cristo members nor the indoctrinees who are disciples of Manalo. When the apostles were hated, it is because Jesus Christ was hated first. What about the Iglesia ni Cristo indoctrinees? The indoctrinees are being persecuted not because of Christ's sake but because of Manalo's sake, the false messenger of God. The indoctrinees are being persecuted because of the unbiblical things practiced by the Iglesia ni Cristo false religion. Manalo cannot align himself or the Iglesia ni Cristo with the persecutions of Christ and the apostles because the persecutions of Manalo and the Iglesia are for lawlessness and for unbiblical practices.

Q&A #3 - Is it true that the Iglesia ni Cristo members and indoctrinees are being persecuted by the world because Christ has chosen them? Let's read Manalo's drunken allegation:

"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet, because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore, the world hates you." (Jn.15:19 NKJV)

How could Christ choose the Iglesia members when the Iglesia members don't recognize Christ as the messenger of God? If you are uncle of somebody and that somebody does not recognize you, will you choose the ingrate to be the recipient of nice gifts? No way! Therefore, the one who had chosen the Iglesia members is not Christ but Manalo the one whom they recognize. The Iglesia ni Cristo indoctrinees and members are being persecuted by the world not because of Christ but because of Manalo who had chosen them to be slaves.

The chosen ones of God and His Son Jesus Christ are the Jews and Gentiles (Rom.9:24 NKJV). Never did Jesus Christ choose the third group Church of Christ of Felix Y. Manalo.

The chosen are the believers of Christ:

Manalo has been misusing 1 Pet.2:9 as if the verse pertains to them. Is it really? Let's read:

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Pet.2:9 NKJV)

Who are these people? Are they the Iglesia members? First of all, the verse disqualified already the Iglesia ni Cristo. Why? Because these people are of the royal priesthood and Manalo hates priests. Manalo hates the priests the way Palestinians hate the Jews. Secondly, these people were called by God out of darkness into God's marvelous light, who is Jesus Christ (J.8:12). Where did Manalo place his Iglesia members? He placed them inside the Iglesia ni Cristo darkness, not in Jesus Christ, the light.

Let's identify these referenced people using the prior verse:

"Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

"Behold, I lay in Zion

A chief cornerstone, elect, precious

And he who believes on Him will be no means be put to shame."

Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient,

"The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone." (1 Pet.2:6-7 NKJV)

The chosen generation are believers of Jesus Christ. They are not in the Church of Christ because they are believers of Felix Manalo instead of Jesus Christ. INC members deny and reject Jesus Christ.

Q&A #4 - The reason why Iglesia Ni Cristo members are being persecuted is because of the name of Jesus Christ? Let's read again the basis of Manalo's allegation:

"But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me." (Jn.15:21 NKJV)

The apostles were being persecuted because of the name of Jesus Christ. It is never the name of the Church of Christ. Jesus Christ and Church of Christ are not the same. Jesus Christ is the Savior while the Church of Christ is the idol. Who are these persecutors of the apostles? These persecutors are those who do not know that Christ is the messenger of God. What do Manalo and his ministers do to the apostles for Manalo's sake? They misused the words of the apostles to extort monies and to slave their members. Which is one of the words of the apostles misused by Manalo and his ministers? Let's read the verse:

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Col.3:15 NKJV)

The apostles' word, "thankful," is being used by Manalo and his cohort ministers as "money thankful". This is clearly saying bad things of the apostles. Imagine, telling the apostles they are money hungry when they are not! It is Manalo who is money hungry!

Q&A #5 - Indoctrinees should not feel bitter when they are persecuted for joining the Iglesia because they are blessed? We have already touched on Mark 5:10-12 in that it is not blessings if the indoctrinees are being persecuted for lawlessness and for unbiblical practices of the Iglesia ni Cristo. What is the proof that indoctrinees and members will not receive blessings for acts of lawlessness and these unbiblical deeds?

"Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" (Mt.7:22-23 NKJV)

Indoctrinees and converts will not receive blessings. If they will receive blessings, why are these people who did lawlessness being driven away? They are cursed! Who is the lawless one that Manalo and his hosts of ministers follow and serve?

"And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of

Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." (2 Thes.2:8-10 NKJV)

Satan is the lawless one. He is the source of all lawlessness in this world. Manalo and his ministers are agents of Satan, according to the Word of God. The indoctrinees deceived by Manalo who is working for Satan have no chance of salvation in Manalo's cult. The only remedy is to reject Manalo.

Q&A # 6 - The indoctrinees families are the first persecutors of the Indoctrinees? Let's read Manalo's biblical basis for his hypothesis:

"And a man's enemies will be those of his own household." (Mt.10:36 NKJV)

Stop the twisting of the Scriptures! This verse is not the whole story. If we will read starting from verse 35, it is Christ who sets members of the family against each other. The reason for this is as follows: "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me (Mt. 10:37). The message is that our loyalty and dedication should be to Christ first, family second, and this may (not always) cause division in the family. Still, nowhere in this verse does it state that our family will be the first ones to persecute.

Also in-fighting between husbands and wives and between families would not stop even if indoctrinees will stop their connection with Manalo. Manalo is unscrupulously taking advantage of the settled fact of life ordained by God (1 Pet.3:17).

Q&A #7 - Christ expects the indoctrinees to love Him more when they are being persecuted? Let's read the biblical basis of Manalo's distortion:

"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." (Mt.10:37 NKJV)

The devilish twisting by Manalo is making the love for Christ also the love for the Church of Christ. Okay, let's test Manalo. We become the indoctrinees:

MANALO: "If you are being persecuted by your parents, you must love Christ more than your parents!"

INDOCTRINEES: I see. Okay, I will follow you, I will love Christ more...I will stop now the indoctrination and will no longer come back, goodbye!"

MANALO: "Wait a minute, to love Christ is to continue indoctrination in the Church of Christ!"

INDOCTRINEES: "Why did you lie? You did not tell me to love the Church of Christ more than my parents! GOODBYE SATAN!"

Q&A #8 - Indoctrinees should not be ashamed for being reproached as members of the Church of Christ because they are blessed? What a shameless argument. If Felix is convicted as rapist of Rosita Trillaness and Felix is reproached for being a rapist, Felix therefore must be proud for his evil deeds and not be ashamed at all, standing tall, with head and forehead erect, as he walks down the streets of prison hallways?

Let's read the verse being perverted shamelessly by Manalo:

"If you are reproached for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or a wrongdoer, or a mischief maker; yet if one suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but under that name let him glorify God." (1 Pet.4:14-16 NKJV)

The reproaches that have blessings are the reproaches for the name of Jesus Christ. It is never the reproaches for the Church of Christ. Evil doings such as murders, thievery (of monies & prophecies), wrongdoings (such as touching bodies of married and single women), and mischief doing (such as scaring

members), are the things that one should be made ashamed of. Manalo is teaching the Bible backwards! Instead of the evil doers be ashamed, Manalo is teaching the evil doers become proud for their evil deeds.

Q&A #9 - Did Christ warn the indoctrinees if the indoctrinees will be ashamed of Him, Christ will also be ashamed of the indoctrinees? Let's read the verse twisted by Manalo:

"For whomever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mk.8:38 NKJV)

Whom and what should we not be ashamed of? It is Christ and Christ's words! It is never Church of Christ and Manalo's words. Therefore, indoctrinees have got to be ashamed because it is not Christ that is preached to them and neither the words of Christ. What did Manalo preached to them? Manalo preached to them the Church of Christ and Manalo's gospel. The indoctrinees better do the right thing, otherwise, Christ will be ashamed of them when He comes with His angels.

Q&A #10 - Must the indoctrinees rejoice also because the apostles rejoiced when they faced persecution? Let's read the verses used by Manalo to deceive the indoctrinees:

"And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ." (Acts 5:40-42 NKJV)

The apostles were preaching Jesus Christ and also the apostles suffered shame for Jesus Christ's name! What about the indoctrinees? What are they being brainwashed of? They are being brainwashed of the Church of Christ and being brainwashed to suffer for the Church of Christ. It is a different gospel preached to the indoctrinees. Will the indoctrinees rejoice for them having received the different gospel? Manalo says they should. Oh yes, they would make Satan very happy. Satan and Manalo and INC ministers should all rejoice for they will all have the same fate. Here is the fate of anyone who preaches a different gospel:

"I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed." (Gal.1:6-9 NKJV)

Those who preach a different gospel, such as Manalo, are accursed. Apostle Paul has to repeat the statement because Manalo might twist verse 8. With the two verses saying the same thing, Manalo is outwitted for any works of darkness he will do to any one of the two verses. If Manalo is accursed, what about those who follow him? Try to follow someone who is walking towards a cliff and experience what will happen to you.

Q&A #11 - The indoctrinees who are threatened with bodily harm are not supposed to be intimidated? Who in the word would want to harm the indoctrinees? Supposing Jack is the indoctrinee, who would be the suspects that would harm him with intent?

Which of the following persons would harm Jack, the indoctrinee:

- 1) A former classmate whom Jack met 10 years ago?
- 2) A neighbor whom Jack seldom sees?
- 3) An Iglesia ni Cristo minister whom Jack sees nightly on indoctrination sessions?
- 4) An Iglesia member instrumental in rearing Jack to become a convert?
- 5) Or a mugger who loiters at 3:00 A.M.?

Unless Jack loiters at 3:00 A.M. or Jack had run away with the wife of his former classmate or has burglarized his neighbor, only two suspects are viable--the Iglesia minister and the Iglesia member, two people whom Jack regularly sees. What are the motives that will precipitate the minister and his member

pal for harming Jack the indoctrinee? The motive is desire to have fruit of converts. Manalo requires them to have fruits. To Manalo, Iglesia members are like fruit bearing plants. It is a requirement of Manalo that members should bear fruits (money fruits, convert fruits, and Iglesia work fruits). Manalo scares them if they will not bear fruits, they will lose their salvation. If Jack abruptly stops his indoctrination, the two motivated Iglesia people will get hurt. Vindictiveness will result. The front line harm doer is the minister. The minister had started threatening Jack through the indoctrination lessons. What is the threat? If Jack will not become a member, he will not be saved. "Those who will not be saved," the minister threatens, "will be destined into the lake of fire and brimstone".

Let's read the biblical basis of Manalo in his harming the indoctrinee teaching:

"All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisers, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter. Therefore, King Darius signed the written decree. Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times a day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. (Dan. 6:7-10 NKJV)

The scenario is about the casting of Daniel into the den of lions. What happened was God had saved Daniel from the lions. The enemies of Daniel who brought charges against him were the ones eaten by the lions. The enemies of Daniel were jealous of Daniel who is slated to become chief among the governors, satraps, counselors, and advisers. Not finding any fault of Daniel who serves faithfully the king, they found out his praying to his God regularly can be outlawed by a decree by King Darius. His enemies wrote the law prohibiting petitioning to other gods except the king within thirty days. Unknowingly that the target is Daniel, the king signed the decree. Of course, Daniel did not get intimidated. It was his routine to pray three times daily with open windows witnessed by the peeping jealous enemies who jumped on him and brought him to the king for violation of the decree.

It is a different scenario for the indoctrinees. The indoctrinees had an open relationship with their families before they were invited to the Iglesia bible exposition. The moment the indoctrinees were lured to undergo indoctrination, secrecy begins to prevail. Then problems start in the family relationships. The indoctrinees start to disappear from their houses. The indoctrinees would not tell their families where they have gone. The indoctrinees' families become suspicious why the secret indoctrinees are always missing in their houses. When family members begin to do detective work, they find out the secret indoctrinees goes out to date with certain Asian guys or gals. Confronted if the indoctrinees are gays, they get mad and angry. Confronted why he/she is going with the Asian guy/gal, indoctrinees say they are friends. Confronted where they are always heading, indoctrinees tell a lie and would not tell he/she is undergoing indoctrination in the cult. After baptism, the new Iglesia convert begins to be missing the most part of Thursdays and Sundays. When family members follow where the new Iglesia member is always going, they find out he/she is attending the Iglesia forced worship service. And that's the start when the pots and pans and mattresses begin flying in the house of the new converts to the Iglesia ni Cristo. This is the conventional scenarios of those indoctrinees before and after becoming members of the Iglesia cult. From a happy family to troubled family and ending up to a broken family.

The Prophet Daniel's life is a far outcry from the lives of the indoctrinees. Daniel had been doing his routines and did not change a bit. Daniel was always at peace in his house or even in the den of the lions. How about the lives of the indoctrinees starting from the time of attending the Iglesia bible exploitation session? The indoctrinee's lives have changed tremendously. Their lives routines are upset. Now, they will have to provide time to escape to attend the bible indoctrination sessions as they are always worrying that they might be caught with their secrets. Upon membership, the new members now have to always prepare at least three hours for the forced worship services. Monies in the banks of the new members get also upset. Before, the monies in the banks are increasing. After memberships, they monies are dwindling. Before being members they have no heart palpitations and heart murmurs or anxieties. After memberships, they acquired these problems. Before memberships, their houses are clean and orderly. After memberships, houses become messy and untidy. Before memberships, they have time for leisure and family get togethers. After memberships, no time for leisure, no time for family get togethers.

Before memberships, they had full night's sleeps. After memberships, they are sleepy all day for all night meetings. These are all signs that the Iglesia ni Cristo is a full fledged cult controlling member's time.

Q&A #12 - The indoctrinees reward for suffering persecutions is eternal life? What is the basis of Manalo for his devilish promise?

"Then Peter said, "See we have left all, and followed You." So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who shall not receive many times more in this present time and in the age to come eternal life." (Lk.18:28-30 NKJV)

Manalo is a son of the devil! He lies! The apostles have left everything and followed Jesus Christ. They did not become Iglesia members. Only those who followed Jesus Christ have the promise of eternal life. So what about the promise of Manalo? Can you depend on a false messengers promise? If the indoctrinees will depend on the false promise, fine. For sure, they are not going to have eternal life. Why? Because they have followed the wrong person. Instead of following Jesus Christ, they followed an imposter, Felix Y. Manalo.

Q&A #13 - The indoctrinees will be made worthy of the kingdom if they endure hardships and persecutions of being Iglesia members? What sort of Scripture twisting is this? Let's read his Scriptural basis:

" "so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God, for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer." (2 Thes.1:4-5 NKJV)

Manalo just picks up randomly on verses from the Scriptures. He sees the phrase, "worthy of the kingdom," he goes, "Oh oh, this is good for the indoctrinees so that they will not draw back." Wait a minute, is there a Church of Christ in that verse? Uh oh, forgot about the tools of Manalo. Previously, what was written was "churches of God." After some few minutes, it becomes "Church of Christ." That was fantastic show of finger dexterity. Manalo is now saying, "You see, you see, it is Church of Christ!"

The Ones Who are Worthy of the Kingdom:

Who are these worthy individuals or who are these among the churches of God (or Church of Christ)? Let's read:

"when He comes in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (2 Thes.1:10 NKJV)

These worthy individuals are not indoctrinees. Neither are they Church of Christ members. They are believers of Jesus Christ and God who obey the gospel of Christ. Who are to be punished?

"in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power." (2 Thes.1:8-9 NKJV)

Q&A #14 - The Church of Christ will no longer experience hunger nor thirst in God's kingdom? What is Manalo's basis? He has used Rev. 7:13-17 NKJV. These verses pertain to the Gentiles if we will read verse Rev.7:9. These are the Gentiles, Christians, universal peoples. The bible term for universal is "of all nations, tribes, peoples, tongues." These are the Catholic Church and Protestant churches. Manalo has stolen the rewards of the Gentiles.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 15

Lesson 12 – The Promise for Those Who Endure - Part 2

By C.R. – September 25, 2002

Q: Why is it that the rewards specified in Rev.7:13-17 are not for the Iglesia ni Cristo members nor for the Iglesia indoctrinees?

A: Let's read first the verses:

"Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore, the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev.7:13-17 NKJV)

The people rewarded are not Iglesia ni Cristo members. Why? These people wear white robes. What about Iglesia ni Cristo people? Iglesia people wear black robes because they are habitual sinners. Secondly, it remains true that Felix Manalo never studied end times prophecy. "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation". These are people who were not Christians, but after the rapture and through the great tribulation became saved and accepted Jesus Christ as their savior. This is another verse Manalo has tried to steal for his religion.

What about if Manalo argues those given the rewards are Iglesia ni Cristo people because only the Iglesia members worship God almost daily and nightly in the temple which are the Church of Christ's chapels? What do you think? Manalo is skilled in perverting the Scriptures. Read again the verses. What temple is it in which those wearing white robes serve God? It is not Manalo's chapel temple. It is God's temple in the second heaven. There are three kinds of heaven: The first heaven is what we presently have. The second heaven is the heaven in the millennial rule of Christ. And the third heaven is the eternal destination for all children of God and saints (2 Cor.12:2 NKJV). In the third heaven, there is no longer a temple (Rev.21:22 NKJV).

Q: Which two statements of Manalo found in Doctrine Lesson #12 lack scriptural support?

A: The following are the two statements in which Manalo did not provide scriptural basis:

- 1) "Thus, whatever kind or extent of persecution a member of the Church of Christ may face, he should not falter or withdraw."
- 2) "He should pray to God for assistance in order to overcome religious persecutions."

On Statement No. 1:

When the apostles were being persecuted, was there something that they should not falter or withdraw from? Name anything that the apostles should not falter or withdraw from as they are being persecuted? None. Nothing. Since the apostles have said, "nothing can separate us from persecutions.." (Rom.8:35 NKJV), how come Manalo has something that the indoctrinees must not falter or withdraw from as they are being persecuted? Ah, Statement No. 1 is a statement of the deception.

On Statement No. 2:

Did the apostles pray to God for assistance in overcoming persecutions? No! They knew it Jesus was with them. It is a part of their calling. If you are a soldier sent to war, will you ask your commander in chief to assist you to endure the war or to be not killed in the war? No! Therefore, Statement No. 2 is also a deceitful statement.

Persecution goes with it endurance. Endurance is not only for persecutions but also for hardships (2 Tim.2:3), and everything (2 Tim.2:10). Endurance will bring about reigning with Christ (2 Tim.2:12).

Probably, Manalo will inject his cult's practice of saying, "You see, you see, that's why Iglesia ni Cristo members must endure in their duties as children of God." Get out of here, there are all lies. The endurance is for Jesus Christ! It is never for the Church of Christ or the Iglesia ni Cristo cult.

Q: How come Manalo and his hordes of ministers still have their jobs of preaching the gospel despite that they are supposed to be jobless because it is the holy angels who have the jobs of preaching the everlasting gospel (Rev.14:6 NKJV)?

A: The devil had placed a help wanted ad in his newspaper of darkness. The help wanted ad says:

"HELP WANTED

Ambitious men wanted. No experience necessary.

Free training in the School of Perversion.

Thousands needed as ministers of darkness to be transformed as ministers of righteousness.

Also men needed as false Christs and deceitful workers to be transformed into apostles of Christ.

Must be available for work 24 hours a day or more.

Don't worry. Job is easy--members will bring you the people to be deceived.

What to preach: Preach not to believe in Jesus Christ but preach to believe on another person as messenger of God.

Remuneration: Although pay is rubber monies, benefits and pension is eternal in the life to come.

NOTE: It is understood that rubber money pays given to you must be returned back to the corporation by way of thanksgivings."

Apparently, many answered this help wanted ad, and apparently, thousands were hired.

The time is now to quit this job if you are a member of this sole corporation. It is a dead end job.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 16

Lesson 13 – Membership in the Church of Christ - Part 1

By C.R. – September 25, 2002

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 13 and what are its fallacies?

A: Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 13 follows:

"LESSON NO. 13 - MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Theme: The proper way of becoming a member of the Church of Christ.

Summary: The proper way of joining the Church of Christ is that which is done because of faith (Rom.5:2) in God and in Christ (Jn.14:1-2) as well as the recognition and acceptance of the Church and of God's commissioning of His messenger in these last days (Jn.6:29).

It is unworthy for one to become a member of the Church of Christ just because of the wishes of parents, husband or wife, brother or sister, friend, employer, or because of self-aggrandizement.

If the motive for joining the Church of Christ is pure and proper, the man who joins the Church would be able to perform all the commandments and Church disciplines, the performance of which proves that he is a true member of the Church of Christ. He does not get easily discouraged and neither does he draw back. Instead, he remains firm in his election." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, p.53)

The Fallacies of the Doctrine No. 13:

Manalo teaches a proper (regulated and controlled) way of becoming a member of the Church of Christ because it is a false church and a cult. Manalo wants his converts to have a standard prison uniform that must be worn throughout their lives. Manalo converts are children who are locked in their room for punishment.

In the true church, how can one become a child of God? Are there many requirements? Let's read:

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." (Jn.1:12 NKJV)

In the true church, there are not gazillions of requirements such as the false church of Manalo. How many requirements are there? Only two requirements! They are:

- 1) Receive or accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, and
- 2) Believe in Jesus Christ's name.

That's it. After having the two requirements, you become a child of God. How about in the false church of Manalo? The following may not be exhaustive of Manalo's requirements:

Preparatory Requirements:

- 1) Must undergo a face to face indoctrination with the Iglesia ni Cristo minister, where you just sit down and listen while the minister reads to you the Bible using the indoctrination lessons, one session for each of the 26 gospel of Manalo lessons.
- 2) Attend the committee prayer for indoctrinees.
- 3) Attend the Thursday and Sunday worship services for six (6) months or 26 worship services.
- 4) To get attendance slips as proofs of not missing any worship service.
- 5) Pass screening tests to be sure that you understood all the 26 doctrines.
- 6) Must be baptized only after reciting an oath to fulfill all Iglesia ni Cristo obligations until the new convert's death.
- 7) Fills up R201 form which is a detailed personal information such as name, date of birth, address, telephone numbers of home and at work, social security number, education data, employment data, family data, spouse data, religions of family members, offices held in the church, if any, name of minister who did the indoctrination. A passport photo is required to be affixed on the form.

8) Assignment to be under the tutelage of a deacon, if male, or under a deaconess, if female, of the nearest area group where the new member lives.

Membership Requirements:

9) Attend without failure the Thursday and Sunday worship services;

10) Attend without failure the weekly committee prayer meetings;

11) Attend the following organization meetings of:

a. Binhi

b. Kadiwa

c. Buklod

d. Light of salvation

e. Edification

f. Deacons and deaconess

g. Choir (junior and senior)

h. Records

i. Finance

j. Maintenance

k. caucus

12) Invite visitors to the weekly bible exposition or accompany indoctrinees in all phases of indoctrination and to monthly grand evangelical missions;

13) Attend nightly propagation works;

14) Do office works gratis (reports needed by central administration on activities of the above organizations mostly pertaining to propagation).

15) Attend almost nightly devotional prayers.

16) Attend extra curricular activities (visitations, looking for missing brethren, chapel cleaning, etc)

17) Attend church celebrations and church sports fests.

CORE REQUIREMENTS:

18) Fruit bearing of souls and converts;

19) Fruit bearing of thanksgiving monies (Jul & Dec);

20) Fruit bearing works of helping the church administration in all facets of its local operations as the minister requires;

21) Fruit bearing of all kinds of offerings;

22) Accept Felix Y. Manalo as God's messenger of God in these last days;

23) Obedience to the Executive Minister (EGM) and locally assigned ministers;

24) Obedience to all the rest of the 26 doctrines;

PROHIBITIONS:

25) Not to be absent from the worship service. Note: This is one of top three most evil deeds;

26) Not to be late in coming to the worship service. Doors are locked at appointed time;

27) Not to sleep, talk, or eat in the worship service;

28) Not to draw back, withdraw, or falter, or exchange Church of Christ membership with anything else in this world. Note: This is one of top three most evil deeds committed by a member.

29) Not to deduct contributions to the church in your tax returns;

30) Not to get any receipts for any monies given to the church;

31) Not to eat meat with blood or the so-called "dinuguan."

32) Not to be engage with or marry anyone who is not a member of the church;

33) Not to go to other churches;

34) Not to draw back, withdraw, or resign from any office appointed to or placed in the church;

35) Not to draw back (decrease) from thanksgivings year after year; Note: this is one of three most evil deeds);

36) Not to disobey or question the church administration or its rules and disciplines. Note: This is one of most evil deeds);

- 37) Not to be lazy in earning a living so there is no hindrance in giving of offerings;
- 38) Not to cause brethren to stumble or get cold;
- 39) Not to celebrate All Souls Day, Christmas Day, Independence Day, and other days of pleasure;
- 40) Not to go to dance parties;
- 41) Not to join any labor unions;
- 42) Not to drink alcoholic beverages;
- 43) Not to take illicit drugs;
- 44) Not to look lustily on any woman. There is one exempted from this.
- 45) Not to wear casual clothes in the worship services;
- 46) Not to be a neighbor gossip;
- 47) Not to file any complaints or action against any brother in any courts of law for any case civil and criminal;
- 48) Not to complain about anything done in the Church of Christ;
- 49) Not to use computers to track any financial matters or records of the congregation;

MUST DO:

- 50) Become an officer or official of the Church;
- 51) Annual swearing to defend the Iglesia ni Cristo against all enemies;
- 52) Turn your nametag before entering to worship;
- 53) Secure attendance slips if attending in chapels you are not registered with;
- 54) Provide reasons to your deacon/deaconess for non attendance of any worship service;
- 55) Attend all church activities and gatherings;
- 56) Renew life of sin;
- 57) Love the brotherhood by watching family members or any brethren so they will not be absent from the worship service;
- 58) Deposit monies weekly for your thanksgivings at the teller windows in the chapel building;
- 59) Contribute weekly to the local, district, magazines, EGM, and others, presently required in the church;
- 60) Drop your offerings to the pouches of deacons/deaconesses every worship service;
- 61) Do all the things taken up or taught by the minister in the worship service;
- 62) Obey the church administration both local and central from the Philippines;
- 63) Forgive brethren who have debts;
- 64) Have a job or means of livelihood on the condition that it will not interfere from attending the worship service;
- 65) Pray for self asking forgiveness of your sins and pray always for the church administration so they will be guided by God;
- 66) Have a formal dress or attire when attending worship service;
- 67) Pay attention to the worship sermon and answer any questions posed by ministers;
- 68) Vote completely for all slates of candidates given on election time;
- 69) Bring foods, snacks, and articles needed for the weekly bible expositions;
- 70) Bring paper towels, toilet tissues, cups, paper plates, spoons, forks, spring waters, soaps, coffee, tea, sugar, dry milk, etc.;
- 71) Reconcile with brethren you have disputes with;
- 72) Make sure the chapel is clean and tidy, and presentable; Hide envelopes for offerings;
- 73) Do all the duties and responsibilities for the position you are placed into;
- 74) If working to count monies, pay any shortages. All overages of cash found are owned by the church.
- 75) Pay for your Pasugo and God's Message magazines on time.

LOCAL CONGREGATION DUTIES:

- 76) Weekly reporting to the church administration in the Philippines.
- 77) Send paperwork's of status of bible exposition and grand evangelical missions conducted: Number of visitors, members participating, member's fruit status, others;
- 78) Send paperwork's of status of worships: number of attendees, visitors, absences, reasons for their absences;
- 79) Send paperwork's of monies collected: Amounts received for all of the many kinds of offerings, lists of givers, mail with the report the remittance check for the week's collection;

80) Send reports for the status of activities of the different organizations and their propagation work results;

81) Send reports of inventories (quarterly and annually):

A) People inventory report - Census of all brethren registered in the local, their status whether active, inactive, missing, if officers, provide their positions. Each name must have address, phone numbers, and area group they belong to;

B) Property inventory report - Tabulation of all properties of the Church and their values from buildings, autos, equipments, furnitures and fixtures, entrusted to the congregation.

82) Delist any brethren and remove from all listings and records in the Church anyone who dies of any cause;

83) Do all the others as the Church administration may require;

MINISTER'S DUTIES:

84) Acts as locale administrator. Heads and supervises the officers and the congregation;

85) Officiates the worship services;

86) Indoctrinates bible students;

87) Baptizes new converts;

88) Spiritual adviser of all members;

89) Makes sure that all regulations of the Church of Christ and instructions of the Executive Minister are enforced and obeyed.

90) Makes sure the thanksgiving deposits will not lag behind as compared to last year's deposits;

As shown by the above, there are myriads of requisites and requirements in the false church of Felix Y. Manalo. The Iglesia ni Cristo is a church of works and deeds, not of God's Grace.

Q: Are the many regulations practiced by the Iglesia ni Cristo sanctioned by the apostles?

A: The regulations are not sanctioned by the apostles. Let's read:

"Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations---Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle, which all concern things which perish with the using--according to the commandments and doctrines of men? These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh." (Col.2:20-23 NKJV)

Manalo's regulations are commandments of men. The regulations are evidences of self-imposed religion that has the neglect of the body (Iglesia members are neglecting their bodies through lack of sleep, escaping breakfast and lunch, occupying their lives with Iglesia works) and are valueless works and indulgencies of the flesh. The Bible points out many times, salvation is by Grace alone.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God (Eph 2:8 NKJV)

And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. (Romans 11:6 NKJV)

Q: What are the other deceptions of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 13?

A: The following are the deceptions in questions and answers format:

1) Q. How should one enter the Church of Christ?

A. Enter by faith.....Rom.5:2;

2) Q. What if one enters the Church without faith?

A. This will not please God....Heb.11:6;

3) Q. What is God's judgment for those who do not have faith?

A. They are already condemned....Jn.3:18;

4) Q. What condemnation does God lay in store for the unbelievers?

A. Punishment in the lake of fire....Rev.21:8;

5) Q. Are there people mentioned in the Bible who were not motivated by faith in following Christ?

A. Those who sought Him for food....Jn.6:25-26;

6) Q. What should be the motive of anyone who follows Him according to Christ?

A. Work for the food that endures without end.... Jn.6:27, 28-29 RSV;

7) Q. Were there people without faith who joined the Church during the time of Christ?

A. Yes, there were....Jn.6:64;

8) Q. How can we recognize those who have no faith?

A. They easily get offended....Jn.6:60-61;

9) Q. Will those who do not have faith remain in their membership?

A. Those who followed Christ without faith left Him and stopped following Him....Jn.6:66 NIV;

10) Q. What good is there in joining Christ because of faith?

A. Those who do so will not be separated....Jn.6:67-69;

11) Q. What is faith according to the Bible?

A. Confidence in hope....Heb.11:1;

12) Q. Why are the faithful confident in their hope?

A. They rely on God's power....Rom.4:18-21;

13) Q. How can the man of faith be recognized?

A. He is strong and firm and cannot be moved....Col.1:23 RSV;

14) Q. How can one be made firm in his faith?

A. He listens and obeys....Mt.7:24-25;

15) Q. What is evil if we do not obey what we have heard?

A. The member who does not obey will eventually fall....Mt.7:26-27;

Instruction: All the regulations of the Church should be followed because obedience to all of these is a mark of a true member of the Church.

16) Q. Who are the foremost ones that we should believe?

A. 1) God and Christ....Jn.14:1-2;

2) The Gospel....Mk.16:15-16;

3) God's messenger (Felix Y. Manalo)Jn.6:29.

Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.54-56)

The Fallacies of the Questions and Answers:

Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 13 is about how to wear the standard uniform furnished by Manalo. One standing rule is that the indoctrinee is forbidden from taking off the uniform. It should be worn at all times. Manalo has made all improper ways of wearing the uniform as evils punishable in the lake of fire.

Manalo's Rule No. 1 - One must enter the Church of Christ by faith (by wearing the Iglesia uniform)?

Verse Perverted:

"through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Rom.5:2 NKJV)

Explanation of Perversion:

Manalo had cutout Verse 1 to hide that the faith is justified through Jesus Christ. According to Verse 2, it is through Jesus Christ by faith that we have access of the grace of God that Christians must stand and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. In other words, it is not to our own credit that we were given this grace of faith. It is the grace from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, Manalo perverted the verse that faith is attainable only by oneself. It cannot. Faith can only be obtained through the mercy of God. Everyone is a sinner. It takes the grace of God that a sinner can be justified. Justification is through faith in Jesus Christ (Gal.2:16). Note: Manalo has not indicated what this faith or uniform is about.

Manalo's Rule No. 2 - Without faith (without INC uniform) joining the Church of Christ will not please God?

Verse Being Perverted:

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, [for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.]" (Heb.11:6 NKJV) Note: Purposely bracketed a portion)

How the Verse is Perverted:

Manalo reads only a part of the verse so that faith (unknown yet) becomes a requirement. Bracketed clause is left unread by Manalo, meaning Manalo has once again used his correction fluid to wipe it out. If read in its entirety, the faith is about believing God. Therefore, without believing God, it is impossible to please God. For his part, Manalo has not yet specified what is the faith about that he is teaching.

Manalo's Rule No. 3 - Those who don't have faith (INC uniform) are already condemned?

Verse Perverted:

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe, is condemned already, [because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.]" (Jn.3:18 NKJV) Note: Bracket ours.

How the Verse is Perverted:

The bracketed phrase is wiped out clean by Manalo. This is to hide the fact that it is the not believing God, including Jesus Christ (Jn.14:1), that is the cause for their being condemned already. Manalo is the conventional salesman who tells what his product's advantages and disadvantages are, but, won't tell you yet what the product is.

Manalo's Rule No. 4 - Punishment in the lake of fire for the unbelievers (or those without faith or Iglesia uniform)?

Verse Perverted:

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
(Rev. 21:8 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

Manalo is scaring the indoctrinees that those without faith or without Iglesia uniform will burn in the lake of fire. For goodness' sake, Manalo is scaring the indoctrinees without even telling the indoctrinees what faith they should have. For goodness' sake, reveal the product to the indoctrinees! We know already that the unbelieving are those who are unbelievers of God and Jesus Christ. These are the ones to be punished in the lake of fire. Included in the unbelievers are Manalo and his Iglesia cult because they don't believe Jesus Christ to be the messenger of God nor the claims of Jesus that He is God manifested in the flesh. When in John 3:18 the verse says, believe that "He is," it includes belief in His being messenger of God and, God in the flesh. Manalo has the audacity to quote the Rev.21:8 verse, when all the abominable people mentioned therein include him. He is unbelieving of Lord Jesus Christ and actively seeks to cause people to reject and deny him. Mr. Felix Manalo will surely reap the repercussions of his dastardly actions.

Manalo's Rule No. 5 – Didn't join the Church of Christ but were motivated by food?

Verse Perverted:

"And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled." (Jn.6:25-26 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

The seeking for Christ in the verse is being perverted as also seeking for the Church of Christ. It can't be the same. Why? Because in the verse it is the people seeking Christ. In the Iglesia, however, it is the Church of Christ seeking people to become converts. It is backwards. It is not the indoctrinees who are seeking Christ, but it is Manalo and his Church of Christ who are seeking the indoctrinees. The food that is being sought by Manalo and his false church are the monies of the indoctrinees.

Manalo's Rule No. 6 - The motive that indoctrinees should seek joining the Church of Christ is for food that endures without end?

Verse Perverted:

"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you; for on him has God set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God? Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." (Jn.6:27-29 RSV)

How the verse is perverted:

Why does Manalo uses the RSV? He uses the RSV because the pronoun pertaining to Christ is not capitalized and easy to pervert. Here again, Manalo is teaching backwards. According to the verse, those who seek Jesus Christ should be motivated by food that endures to eternal life. Manalo is teaching backwards because it is not the indoctrinees who are seeking the Church of Christ. It is Manalo and his Iglesia cult who are seeking the indoctrinees for food (money income)! But Manalo agrees on one part of the verse. That part which says food must endure eternally. That is, the monies being sought by Manalo must be given by the indoctrinees on eternal basis. Of course, Manalo seeks the thanksgivings monies of the indoctrinees as long as they live upon their buying of Manalo's product.

Manalo's Rule No. 7 - Don't imitate those who joined the Church of Christ without faith (without Iglesia uniform) during the time of Christ?

Verse being perverted:

"For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him." (Jn.6:64 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

"Ringgg!" The lie detector of God has detected a lie. Ahah, there was no organization called "Church of Christ" during the time of the Apostles. The Apostles and disciples of Christ were not members of the Church of Christ but were members of the organization called "Way" (Acts 9:1-2). Manalo thinks he can escape a lie. According to the verse, Jesus knew who the people who do not believe Him and who would betray Him would be. Does the Lord Jesus Christ know that Manalo and the Iglesia ni Cristo cult do not believe Him as the messenger of God? Of course He knows because He has said it.

Manalo's Rule No. 8 - Those who have no faith (not wearing Iglesia uniform or being nude) easily get offended?

Verse being perverted:

"Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying, who can understand it?" When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?" (Jn. 6:60-61 NKJV)

How verse is perverted:

Why will the indoctrinees get offended when it's not them who are seeking the Iglesia ni Cristo? Since it is the Iglesia ni Cristo and Manalo who are seeking the indoctrinees to become converts, the Iglesia and Manalo are the ones that should be offended. When will Manalo and his cult get offended? When the indoctrinees abruptly stop the indoctrination.

The verse has nothing to do with joining. The disciples have already joined Christ. By the way, were the disciples naked because they were offended and were complaining? Absolutely not! They have clothes! Not like the indoctrinees who were stripped of their clothes, stark naked, by Manalo.

With all the steps, lessons, works, deeds, duties and waiting periods, the Iglesia ni Cristo might be the most difficult religious indoctrination procedure ever concocted. It is a classic sign of any unbiblical organization to force its indoctrinee through many laborious steps to ensure their complete allegiance to them. If the indoctrinee completes through the indoctrination steps, especially the Iglesia ni Cristo's, that loyalty and allegiance is hard broken once established.

However, the Bible is very clear, salvation as a Christian is only by the Grace of God, not by works, deeds or any other man made laws and regulations. All of the INC's rules and regulations are pointless and useless and certainly not required for salvation in Jesus Christ.

"So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace." Romans 11:5-6 (NIV)

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Manalo's Rule 9 - Those who do not have faith (don't have clothes) can not remain a member of the Church of Christ?

Verse Perverted:

"From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." (Jn.6:66 NIV)

How the verse is perverted:

The disciples who turned back are actually not true believers. There are some who became impostor believers or disciples (Jude 4; Gal.2:4 NKJV). Since these disciples are unbelievers of the Lord Jesus Christ, can you call them believers? No! They are only impostor believers. Impostor believers will soon be found out sooner or later. For Manalo to use the faith of the impostor believers as the faith that should not be followed by indoctrinees is clear deception. Why? Because the indoctrinees have not yet entered the Church of Christ falsely. Manalo is still courting them at this stage.

Secondly, as we have already found out, it is not the indoctrinees who are seeking the Iglesia ni Cristo but it is the Iglesia cult and Manalo who are seeking the indoctrinees. If Manalo and his Iglesia ni Cristo are not seeking the indoctrinees to become converts, why are they being indoctrinated? Are they being indoctrinated for entertainment? No! They are being indoctrinated because Manalo wants them to be members of the Iglesia ni Cristo and under his control.

Manalo's Rule No. 10 - Joining the Church of Christ is good if you will not be separated?

Verse Perverted:

"Then Jesus said to the twelve, "do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Jn.6:67 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

The Apostles are true believers of Christ. They will not be separated because Christ and God guard and protect them (Jn.10:28-29 NKJV). It is also testified by Apostle Paul that they will not be separated, ever. Let's read the verses:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom.8:35, 38-39 NKJV)

The Apostles have joined Jesus Christ. They never joined the Church of Christ of Manalo. The Apostles are true believers of Christ, that is why they can not be separated. Salvation by God is permanent (Rom.11:29 NKJV). Therefore, to make the indoctrinees' faith the same faith of the Apostles is a deception. The Apostles are believers of Christ while indoctrinees are still in the process of believing Manalo. The indoctrinees have not joined the Iglesia ni Cristo yet, but, here is Manalo teaching already to not separate from the Church of Christ. Manalo is, therefore, teaching early that the indoctrinees can not get out from the prison as soon as they get in.

Manalo's Rule No. 11 - The faith according to the Bible is confidence in hope?

Verse Perverted:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb.11:1 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

The verse is not a definition of faith but a description of what faith does. Substance is reality. Faith treats things hoped for as real even the things that are unseen.

Manalo's Rule No. 12 - The faithful indoctrinee who is confident in his hope must rely on God's power?

Verse perverted:

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been told to him. So shall your offspring be. Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead--since he was about one hundred years old--and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised." (Rom.4:18-21 NIV)

How the verse is perverted:

The faith of Abraham is also belief in God which is also the faith of the Apostles. The faith of Abraham is belief that God is able to do what God had promised. What about the faith of the indoctrinees? Their faith is being given by Manalo. That faith is not faith in Christ but faith in something else which Manalo has not yet revealed, so far, what faith it is. Manalo is making the indoctrinees leery what faith it is. The indoctrinees are being admonished to be confident with their faith but Manalo has not told them what that faith is or should be. Faith to what?

Manalo's Rule No. 13 - Faith of the indoctrinees can be recognized if he is firm, strong, and can not be moved?

Verse Perverted:

"provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister." (Col.1:23 RSV)

How verse is perverted:

To know the whole story of the verse, we have to read the two preceding verses. Let's read the verses:

"And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him." (Col. 1:21-22 RSV)

Reading from Verse 21 through Verse 23, we now know the whole story. Those who continue in the faith are those who once were doing evil deeds who were estranged and hostile in their minds but now RECONCILED in Jesus Christ's body of flesh (it is not the Church of Christ body, but Christ's flesh and bones body (Eph.5:30 NKJV). Therefore, these are the ones (those reconciled in Christ's body of his flesh) that should continue in the faith, stable, steadfast, and not shifting from the gospel of Christ that was heard.

Why does Manalo go the merry-go-round, telling, "The faith should be this, should be that, and this, and that," without telling what is it about?

Manalo's Rule No. 14 - One who is made firm in his faith listens and obeys?

Verse perverted:

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock." (Mt.7:24-25 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

Did anyone read any "faith" or "belief" words in the verses? None! The citation is about hearing and doing the sayings of Jesus Christ! If you do the sayings of Christ, you have built your house on a rock. If you don't, you have built your house on sand. The aftermath of being a believer or an unbeliever are already adjudged. The Iglesia ni Cristo, being an unbeliever of Christ will never do the sayings of Christ.

The proofs: 1. When Christ said, "I am the door, if anyone enters by Me, he will be saved.." (Jn.10:9), did the Iglesia ni Cristo members obey this saying of Christ of entering Him? No! They have entered the wrong door, the Church of Christ door.

2. When Christ said, "But I say unto you, do not swear at all.., (Mt.5:34), did the Iglesia ni Cristo members obey this saying of Christ? No! They disobeyed annually by doing the oath takings to defend the Church of Christ.

3. When Christ said, "give to the poor.." (Mt.19:21), did the Iglesia ni Cristo obey this saying of Christ? No! How come now Manalo requires the indoctrinees to do the sayings of Christ when he himself nor the Iglesia ni Cristo members, do not do the sayings of Christ? Hypocrites! The Iglesia ni Cristo is following the hypocrite doctrine of the demons (1 Tim.4:2).

Manalo's Rule No. 15 - It is evil not to obey the sayings of Christ because it will lead to downfall of the indoctrinees?

Verse being perverted:

"But anyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand; And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell, and great was its fall." (Mt.7:26-27 NKJV)

How the verses are perverted:

As stated from the preceding deception, if you are an unbeliever, judgment is already set by Christ. That is, you will never do the sayings of Christ. Read again Jn.3:18. The unbelievers of Jesus Christ are condemned already. In this Mt.7:26-27 verses, Christ already stipulates the sure outcome of unbelievers-- they will not do the sayings of Christ resulting in their falling a great fall. This is what will happen to the Iglesia ni Cristo being an unbeliever of Christ.

Not obeying the sayings of Christ can not be made more evil by Manalo because it is already a wrong teaching to not obey Jesus Christ. Pertaining to the indoctrinees, their obeying and not obeying depends upon whether they believe Jesus Christ or they believe Felix Manalo. If they will believe Manalo, naturally, they do not believe Jesus Christ as we have seen, the teachings of Felix Manalo contradict those of Jesus Christ. There is no double believing. Either you believe in Jesus Christ or you believe in Felix Manalo. Either you are a follower of Jesus Christ or you are a follower of Felix Manalo.

Manalo's Rule No. 16 - The ones to be believed are 1) God and Jesus Christ, 2) the gospel, and 3) Felix Y. Manalo?

The verses used for believing God and Jesus Christ:

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you." (Jn.14:1-2 NKJV)

The verses used for believing the gospel:

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mk.16:15-16 NKJV)

The verse used for Felix Y. Manalo:

"Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." (Jn.6:29 NKJV)

How the verses are perverted:

Finally, Manalo revealed what to believe or what the faith of the Iglesia ni Cristo is about. After going the merry-go-round taking the indoctrinees on a tour around the world telling the indoctrinees what should and should not be done about the faith, naming the advantages and disadvantages, finally the faith is revealed at the end of the doctrine. Of the three faiths, the third one (faith in Felix Y. Manalo) is the most important.

The true faith is really Item No. 1, which is, faith in God and in Jesus Christ as was revealed already. The true gospel is what? The true gospel is gospel of Christ (Rom.1:16 NKJV). It is never the gospel of Manalo. What about the third requirement of Manalo? Is the Jn. 6:29 pertaining to Manalo? Read again. Who is represented by the pronoun "Him"? And who is represented by the pronoun "He"? Pronoun "He" represents God while pronoun "Him" represents Christ. Therefore, God had sent Christ. The messenger of God is Lord Jesus Christ. It is never Felix Y. Manalo. Felix again is taking the claim of Jesus Christ as he does in Isaiah 43. If Felix Manalo is not the messenger of God, who sent him? There is only one other who does. You got it. The devil has sent Felix Y. Manalo to seal his third Iglesia ni Cristo group that will be punished on Judgment Day.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 18

Lesson 14 – The Lord Jesus Christ - Part 1

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Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 14 and what are its fallacies?

A: Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 14 follows:

"LESSON NO.14 - The Lord Jesus Christ (Part I)

Theme: The attributes of Christ and His true nature

Summary:

Christ is highly honored and worshipped by members of the Church of Christ because this is the will of God (Phil.2:9-11). Christ should be recognized as the Son of God (Mt.3:7), Lord (Acts 2:36), Savior (Acts 5:31), Mediator (1Tim.2:5), a holy man who did not commit sin (1 Pet.2:21-22). This is the proof that the Church of Christ does not degrade Him. The attributes mentioned here as belonging to Christ are just attributes; in no way do they indicate His nature. As far as Christ's nature is concerned, we believe that He is a man (Jn.8:40); He is not the true God. The belief that Christ is the true God should be disregarded by man because this is against the teachings of the Bible (Ezek.28:2). Man should also renounce the belief that Christ is true God and true man (Hos.11:9) (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G Manalo, 1989, p.56)

The fallacies of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 14:

The number one question to ask in order to find out whether that person is saved or not, is to ask them, who do you believe Jesus Christ is? All cults, including the Iglesia ni Cristo cult, not surprisingly agree on one doctrine. It is the doctrine that Jesus Christ is not God. Why is it so that they conspire knowingly or unknowingly to agree that Jesus Christ is not God? It is because their human leaders appropriate, occupy, or take the position or seat of Christ. Which are these cults that do not recognize Christ's deity or His unchangeable nature as God? The following is a partial list:

- 1) Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ) of Felix Y. Manalo;
- 2) Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon;
- 3) Jehovah's Witnesses of Charles Russell;
- 4) Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints of Joseph Smith;
- 5) Church of Scientology of Ron Hubbard;
- 6) Church of Universal and Triumphant of Elizabeth Claire;
- 7) Divine Science of Nona Brooks;
- 8) International Society for Krishna Consciousness of Bhaktivedanta Prabhupada;
- 9) The Children of God of David Berg;
- 10) Rajneesh Foundation International of Bhagwan Shree Rayneesh;
- 11) The Way International of Victor Wierwille.

Jesus Christ Honored Highly by the Iglesia ni Cristo?

Manalo says the Iglesia ni Cristo highly honors and worships Jesus Christ. If Christ is highly honored and worshipped by members of the Church of Christ of Manalo, why does Manalo teaches Iglesia members must not exchange their memberships for any thing in this world? This teaching has elevated the Church of Christ over and above Jesus Christ. If Christ is highly honored and worshipped by the members of the Church of Christ, why does Jesus Christ not have a separate worship service the way the Church of Christ has a separate worship service to commemorate Felix Y. Manalo's founding of the Iglesia ni Cristo? If Christ is highly honored and worshipped by members of the Iglesia ni Cristo, why do the members obey Manalo more than they obey Jesus Christ? Example: Christ commanded: "Do not swear at all." (Mt.5:34), but Manalo commanded, "You must swear annually!" The Church of Christ members obeyed Manalo by doing the annual oath takings and reaffirmations of oaths to defend the Iglesia ni Cristo against all enemies. If the Iglesia ni Cristo highly honors Christ, why is He being reduced to the nature of a man? Therefore, the Iglesia ni Cristo does not highly honor Christ as they honor Felix Y. Manalo. To the Iglesia ni Cristo, Felix is a special angel while Jesus Christ is only a man possessed by God.

The Attributes of Christ as a Deity:

- 1) Eternity - Christ has been going forth from everlasting (Micah 5:2);
- 2) Omnipresence - Christ is with 2 or 3 gathered in His name (Mt.18:20);
- 3) Omniscience - Christ knows people's thoughts (Mk.2:8); and knows all things (Jn.16:30)
- 4) Omnipotence and Sovereignty - Christ is the Almighty (Rev.1:8);
- 5) Immutability - Christ is always and forever the same (Heb.13:8);
- 6) Holy - Christ is holy (Rev.3:7; Lk.1:35)
- 7) Truth - Christ is full of grace and truth (Jn.1:14)

The Equality of God and Jesus Christ:

- 1) The first and the last (God - Isa.44:6, 48:12; Jesus Christ - Rev.2:8; Rev.22:15);
- 2) Savior (God - Isa.43:3; Hos.13:4; Jesus Christ - 2 Pet.1:1,11);
- 3) Judge (God - Joel 5:12; Jesus Christ - Mt.25:31-46);
- 4) Forgiver of sins (God - Jer.31:34; Jesus Christ - Acts 5:31);
- 5) Lord of the Sabbath (God - Gen.2:3; Jesus Christ Mt.12:8);
- 6) Shepherd (God - Ps.23:1; Jesus Christ - Jn.10:11);
- 7) Light (God - Ps.27:1; Jesus Christ - Jn.8:12);
- 8) Great God and Savior (God - Isa.43:11-12; Jesus Christ - Titus 1:3-4);
- 9) Creator of all things (God - Isa.40:28; Jesus Christ - Col.1:16);
- 10) Co-sender of the Holy Spirit (God - Jn.14:6; Jesus Christ - Jn.15:26)

The Trampling of Jesus Christ by the Iglesia ni Cristo:

God, the Father, has exalted His Son Jesus Christ. Let's read the verses:

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee would bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil.2:9-11 NKJV)

Based on the above verses, Christ is exalted and given the name above every name in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, then why does the Iglesia ni Cristo teach that the name of Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo is above Christ? When the Church of Christ membership is not to be exchanged with anything else in this world, it is surpassing the name of Jesus Christ who is supposed to be above anything else is not. The Iglesia ni Cristo or church is above the name of Jesus Christ because it is not by the name of Jesus Christ that one is saved, but by the church that one is saved.

"By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see." (Acts 3:16 NIV)

Therefore, the Church of Christ has clearly shown its disrespect, dishonor, and outright trampling underfoot of the name of Jesus Christ as it is only by the name of Jesus Christ and belief in Him, that one is saved.

What is more devilish above all, is Manalo's fraudulent use of the name of Christ being appended to the name of his cult and falsely representing his cult as owned by Christ when it is actually owned by Manalo. To add insult to injury, Manalo has stolen the seat, office, and throne of the Lord Jesus Christ in order to replace Him as God's messenger in our time.

The Bible is clear, Jesus Christ is the final messenger of God, all others are imposters.

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;" (Hebrews 1:1-2 NKJV)

What do you think is the punishment for thieves? Manalo thinks that stealing is a small matter. Manalo thinks that stealing and thievery is not prohibited by God. Or, probably, Manalo thinks stealing and thievery is an enviable conduct that should be praised and emulated. Let's review whether stealing and thievery is not prohibited. Let's read:

"You shall not steal." (Exo.20:15 NKJV)

Stealing is prohibited by God. It is one of the Ten Commandments. What about if Manalo brushes aside this commandment saying, "Nah, that is just an old commandment from the Old Testament, it is now allowed in the New Testament, kiddoo!" Well, in this instance, we have to inform Manalo that the prohibition continues to this day in the New Testament. Let's read:

"You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother,'" (Mt.10:19 NKJV)

The commandment not to steal continues in the New Testament! It is enunciated by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Is there a reward or a punishment for stealing or for being a thief? Manalo thinks there is no punishment for stealing Christ's title as messenger of God. Let's read:

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Cor.6:9-10 NKJV)

Did we read the conduct of Manalo included in the verse? Oh Yes! Thieves will not inherit the kingdom of God. Manalo is therefore barred from entering heaven. He is blacklisted from entering the kingdom of God. Every verse that Manalo tries to apply to himself, such as those in Isaiah and Revelation, he is actually stealing them!

Q: What is the true nature of Lord Jesus Christ?

A: The true nature of Jesus Christ is God. Who do you think knows above anybody else about the nature of Christ? Think? Give up? It is God Himself! Let's read:

"But to the Son He says:

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom,

You have loved righteousness

and hated lawlessness;

Therefore God, your God, has anointed You

With the oil of gladness more than your companions." (Heb.1:8-9 NKJV)

There is no mistaking here, that God calls His Son, God, not only once but twice. Manalo can not pervert these verses because it is also written in the Old Testament (Ps.45:6-7).

What else are the irrefutable evidences that Jesus Christ is God?

1) According to Prophet Micah, Christ is from everlasting:

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,

Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,

Yet out of you shall come forth to Me

The One to be Ruler of Israel,

Whose going forth are from of old,

From everlasting," (Micah 5:2 NKJV)

The fact that Lord Jesus Christ has been going forth from of old from everlasting proves Jesus Christ is God because only God has no beginning and is eternal.

What is one evidence that Christ has "gone from of old"? Let's read:

"Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks," But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob," And He said, "your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel," for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." (Gen.32:24-30 NKJV)

Christ, the God Man, has gone to wrestle with Jacob in 1763 B.C. at the Jabbok River in Peniel near Canaan. Jacob was so strong that Christ had to use His powers to dislocate the hip of Jacob. Christ has blessed Jacob and renamed him Israel on the spot. Christ is the God Man while we are the ordinary men. Ordinary men are created from the image of Christ, the God Man of heaven.

2) According to Christ Himself, He says He is God by using the name of God, I AM:

"Your Father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad. Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM. Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple; going through the midst of them, and so passed by." (Jn.8:56-59 NKJV)

Christ was already preexisting before Abraham. The name "I AM" is the name of God (Exo.3:13-14). The unbelieving Jews were about to stone Jesus Christ for making Himself God but Christ used His powers again to become invisible and passed unseen within their midst.

3) Christ is a co-creator of all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. Let's read:

"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible; whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist." (Col.1:16-17 NKJV)

There is no doubt that Christ co-created all things. How about the creation of mankind? Absolutely, Christ is a co-creator. Let's read:

"Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Gen. 1:26 NKJV)

The presence of the pronouns Us, Our, and another Our, are indicative of more than one composition. But how many compose this one God? If we will count the number of the proper pronouns, we can see there are three. Who are these three? Let's read the Amplified Bible:

"God said, Let Us (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the (tame) beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth. [Ps.104:30; Heb..1:2; 11:3]" (Gen. 1:26 Amplified Bible)

The three proper pronouns represent the Father, Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. These three are called the Trinity. The Trinity is termed Godhead in the Bible (Rom.1:20 NKJV).

God says, "Let Us make mankind in Our image..," What is the image of God which will be the likeness of mankind? We will know the image of God by knowing what man is. What is a man? A man is composed of three: body, soul, and spirit (1 Thes.5:23). Therefore, although a man is only one, he is actually a trinity. Since man is the image of God, God should be a Trinity. And we know that He is.

Why do you think Manalo wants to burn all copies of the Amplified Bible? It is because the Amplified Bible has blown into smithereens his Father-only, God teaching. There is no way Manalo can pervert the Amplified Bible because it provides the backup for the Trinity: The Father co-creator backup is Heb.11:3, the Son Jesus Christ co-creator backup is Heb.1:2, while the Holy Spirit co-creator backup is Ps.104:30.

4) According to Apostle Paul, Jesus Christ's form or nature is God. Also Christ is equal with God. Let's read:

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." (Phil.2:5-8 NKJV)

The Scriptures say, "Christ, who, being in the form of God," only means He is by nature being (in the present tense) in the form of God. Therefore, His form or nature is God. It is specified also that He is equal with God. There is no mistake here that Jesus Christ is God. Although Christ is equal with God, He humbled Himself voluntarily before His Father to take the form of a bondservant and became the likeness of men, i.e., to suffer and die like ordinary humans.

5) Christ is from above and Christ is not of this world:

"And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world." (Jn.8:23 NKJV)

Therefore, Christ is God because He is FROM above. Christ is God because He is not OF this world.

Q: Who are the anti-crests and deceivers in our time?

A: The anti-Christ's and deceivers are those who do not confess that Christ came to earth AS a human. Let's read:

"For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an anti-Christ." (2 Jn.1:7 NKJV)

This is the Today's English Version:

"Many deceivers have gone out over the world, people who do not acknowledge that Jesus Christ came as a human being. Such a person is a deceiver and the Enemy of Christ." (2 Jn.1:7 TEV)

From the above verses, the anti-Christ's or the deceivers do not teach, confess, or acknowledge, that Christ CAME AS A HUMAN BEING. In other words, Christ is God but when He came to earth, He came as a human. The deceivers or anti-Christ's, such as the Iglesia ni Cristo, do not teach this. Manalo teaches that Christ is originally human and never was God the Son before coming to earth, because, Christ allegedly, did not exist yet.

Where was Christ before He came to earth? According to 2 Jn.1:7, Christ came as a human. But where did Christ come from? In other words, where was Christ before He came to earth? Let's read:

"What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where he was before?" (Jn.6:62 NKJV)

Since Jesus Christ was seen ascended to heaven, it is heaven where Christ was before. This nullifies Manalo's teaching that Christ did not exist as a living person before being born to Mary.

6) Lastly, the Son is called Mighty God: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6 NIV)

Q: What are the other deceptions of Manalo incorporated in this Doctrine No. 14?

A: The following are the other deceptions of Manalo in questions and answers format:

1) "Q. Is Christ holy and righteous because of His own power?

A. He is made holy by the Father.....Jn.10:36;

2) Q. Despite the attributes of Christ, what is His true nature, according to Jesus Himself?

A. Christ is a man according to Himself.....Jn.8:40;

3) Q. According to His Apostles, what is the true nature of Christ?

A. 1. Man mediator, according to Apostle Paul...1 Tim.2:5;

2. Man, according to Apostle Peter....Acts 2:22;

3. Man, according to Apostle Matthew....Mt.1:20;

4) Q. Does the Bible teach that Christ is true God and true man?

A. God is not man....Hos.11:9;

5) Q. Does God allow that man be God also?

A. Man is not God....Ezek.28:2;

6) Q. Who created the teaching that Christ is true God?

A. The Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D....A. Creed,p.206 (24);

7) Q. Is it surprising that after the time of the Apostles there arose teachers who preach a different Jesus, contrary to one preached by the Apostles?

A. A warning was already given concerning false teachers who would do this....2 Cor.11:3-4;

Conclusion: Therefore, the Bible teaches that we should honor and worship Christ, recognize Him as the Son of God, Savior, and the only Mediator between God and men, and the only holy man who has not committed sin. But, in spite of these attributes, the truth remains as declared by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself that He is a man. (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989,p.58)

Explanations of the deceptions:

Q&A #1 - Christ is holy because He was made holy by God?

Verse Perverted:

"do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world. You are blaspheming, because I said, I am the Son of God?" (Jn.10:36 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

The word "sanctified" is not in the context of "made holy," but in the context of choosing. The word "sanctified" has five meanings:

sanc-ti-fy 1. To set apart for sacred use; consecrate. 2. To make holy; purify. 3. To give religious sanction to, as with an oath or a vow; sanctify a marriage. 4. To give social or moral sanction to. 5. To make productive of holiness or spiritual blessing. (American Heritage Dictionary)

The number 1 meaning is to set apart for sacred use or to consecrate. The meaning "to make holy" ranks only as number 2. Therefore, setting apart or choosing of Christ is the context.

Apostle John clarifies the word "sanctify" as setting seal on Christ. Let's read this:

"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." (Jn.6:27 NKJV)

The setting seal by God on Christ agrees with the number 1 meaning. As already mentioned Christ is equal with God and has the same glory with God before He came to earth (Phil.2:6, Jn.17:5 NKJV).

Q&A #2 - Christ's nature according to Christ, is man?

Verse being perverted:

"But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this." (Jn.8:40).

How the verse is perverted:

What is written in the verse is Man not man. Manalo always uses his tools of deceptions kept in his pockets. Why do you think Christ said He is a Man? He is a Man (capitalized) because He is the source or the image of man. In other words, man came from Man. Who is this Man? This Man is the God Man Jesus Christ from heaven, the co-creator of mankind. Why do you think Christ said, "Abraham did not do this?" It is because Christ's incarnation as an ordinary man is not the result of procreation by Abraham. Christ had preceded Abraham (Jn.8:58 NKJV). Christ, the God Man is from everlasting (Micah 5:2).

Q&A #3 - The true nature of Christ is man according to the Apostles?

1. Apostle Paul says Christ is a man?

Verse being perverted:

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus," (1 Tim.2:5 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

Read again what is written. Did Apostle Paul say Man or man of Christ Jesus? What did Manalo do to the Scripture? As we already know, Manalo is expert in the use of his ever ready tools which are his scissors, pastes, and supplies of the alphabet letters. This time, he changed from capital letter to small letter. As we already know, the word Man is no other than the God Man Jesus Christ from heaven. Another thing, what is Christ a Mediator of? He is the Mediator of the new covenant (Heb.9:15 NKJV).

2. Apostle Peter says Christ is a man?

Verse being perverted:

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death." (Acts 2:22-23 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

Manalo has changed what is written. Apostle Peter is talking about the Man Jesus Christ. But Manalo has changed Man into man using his usual tools of deception. On Verse 23, we are given knowledge that the putting to death of Christ was for a determined purpose and foreknowledge of God. Therefore, Christ was given a human body for the purpose of saving the world. (1 Tim. 3:16) The God spiritual body of Jesus Christ that is eternal can not be killed so it can not do the shedding of the blood. Only the shedding of the blood will there be remission of sins (Heb.9:22). Therefore, it is the man Christ Jesus that must be put to death, not the God Jesus. We know that God has given Christ a body (Heb.10:5) for the purpose of shedding the blood. The God Jesus Christ is of the flesh and bones (no blood) (Eph.5:30) because Christ has a life of His own (Jn.5:26).

Apostle Matthew says Christ is a man?

Verse being perverted:

"But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." (Mt.1:20 NKJV)

How verse is perverted:

Did you see any word "Man" mentioned by the verse? Nothing. It is impossible that Mary can conceive a grown up man. The man that will become the result of the conception is by virtue of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ was not procreated by Joseph. What this means is that the human body of Jesus Christ was given by God for a purpose. The purpose, as we already know is to redeem the whole world (1 Jn.4:14 NKJV).

Q&A #4 - Christ is not a true God and true man because God is not man?

Verse Perverted:

"I will not execute the fierceness of My anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim.
For I am God, and not man,
The Holy One in your midst;
And I will not come with terror." (Hos.11:9 NKJV)

How verse is perverted:

Christ is not mentioned in the verse. The verse is talking about God and Ephraim. God is not man. God is not man that has no mercy. God will not terrorize man again and again. Did the verse say, "For I am God, and not Man"? No. Therefore, God is not man, and man is not God. God has allowed Christ to be incarnated as an ordinary human for a purpose--to save the world. While on earth, Christ had dual nature: As Son of Man (man) and as Son of God (God). When Christ said to the man who was cast out, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you," Christ had made known that He has double nature.

The following verses show that God himself became flesh, and took the flesh of a man.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14 NIV)

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, (1 Tim, 3:16 NKJV)

"They were all filled with awe and praised God. 'A great prophet has appeared among us,' they said. "God has come to help his people.'" (John 7:16 NIV)

Q&A # 5 - God will not allow man to be God?

Verse perverted:

"Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, "Thus says the Lord God, because your heart is lifted up, And you say, "I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas, yet you are a man, and not a god. Though you set your heart as the heart of a god." (Ezek.28:2 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

The verse is being perverted as if God wants anyone to be His rivals. Take note that the god here is not God. In Heb. 1:8-9, God the Father allows His Son Jesus Christ to be God. It is the small god that is not allowed. Darwin's theory that monkeys evolved into man or that man evolves into god is not allowed by God. Who would want to be a god? Many men want to become gods. One of them is Manalo. Although Manalo would exalt himself as god, he is a man and not god. Even though Manalo sets his heart as god of the Iglesia ni Cristo, he is still a man. Ordinary man cannot metamorphose into god. Neither can a cat metamorphose into a dog.

Q&A # 5 - The Catholic Church invented the teaching that Christ is true God through the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D.?

This is a preposterous statement. The Catholic Church is always blamed by Manalo for doctrines repugnant to his Iglesia ni Cristo teachings. The Nicean council that was convened in 325 A.D. was not convened by the Catholic Church because there was no official Catholic Church as yet. The bishops that constitute the Nicean Council were Christian elders elected by the believers of Christ. The offices of bishops were already authorized by the Apostles (1 Tim.3:1; Titus 1:7). The convening of the council was based on the workings of the first Jerusalem Council convened by the Apostles in 50 A.D. The Nicean council was convened to define the faith of the Apostles such as the deity of Christ. There was proper deliberations by the bishops as there were deliberations in the first Jerusalem Council by the Apostles. The writings of the Apostles were the basis of the deliberations. It was Arius who didn't submit to the decision of the majority of the Christian bishops.

Imagine what will happen if Arius were around and had attended the first Jerusalem Council where the Apostles decided that the Gentile brethren need not be circumcised and Arius shouting, "NO NO NO, THE GENTILES SHOULD BE CIRCUMCISED OR ELSE THEY CAN'T BECOME CHRISTIANS!" Arius is not a true believer of Christ. He is an impostor Christian. If he is, he is supposed to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ to be humble and respect the authority of the majority of the Christian bishops. Only despots would yearn to be followed rather than obey the will of the majority. Arius is the false prophet who came in sheep's clothing but is actually a savage wolf.

Q&A # 6 - Teachers who preach Jesus is God are false teachers?

Verse being perverted:

"But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it!" (2 Cor.11:3-4 NKJV)

How the verse is perverted:

Manalo assumes that the verse teaches that the Apostles have taught that Jesus Christ is man. The verse did not say that. The verses teach about the following:

- a) Corruption from the simplicity of Christ;
- b) Preaching another Jesus than what the Apostles preached;
- c) Receiving different spirit not received from the Apostles;
- d) Different gospel not received from the Apostles.

What is the simplicity of Christ corrupted by Manalo?

Christ's yoke is easy and his burden is light (Mt.11:29-30). Manalo has corrupted this simplicity of Christ by making the yoke difficult and heavy burdens. In the Iglesia ni Cristo, there are many do this, do that, do this, do that, and other chicaneries. The burden of the Iglesia ni Cristo is a 26 step six month process, all of which is entirely unbiblical and unnecessary.

Christ commanded the simplistic, "Don't swear at all..." (Mt.5:34). This simplicity of Christ is corrupted by Manalo into, "Hey everyone, come back, you must do the oath takings and swearing annually to defend the Church of Christ against its enemies, that enemy include yourselves!"

The Jesus Preached by the Apostles:

Jesus Christ is God (Heb. 1:8-9; Jn.20:28, Titus 2:13, Rom.9:5, 1 Peter 1:1)

Apostle Paul:

"of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all the eternally blessed God. Amen. (Rom.9:5 NKJV)

The fathers here are the Israelites. Jesus is an Israelite. It is clear here that the phrase, eternally blessed God is Jesus Christ, who is God in the flesh. He is overall because all things in heaven, on earth, under the earth, will be brought to Him.

Apostle Thomas:

"And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (Jn.20:28 NKJV)

Apostle Thomas has addressed Christ as "my God." If Apostle Thomas made a mistake, Jesus Christ should have corrected him on the spot, but the Lord Jesus didn't and had blessed Apostle Thomas for doing so. The Lord Jesus Christ did not correct the Pharisees either when they stated that Jesus Christ was claiming to be God (Jn. 10:33 NKJV).

Apostle Paul:

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13 NKJV)

There is no mistake here. Christ is a great God and Savior.

From the above teachings of the Apostles, it is clear that the Jesus that was preached is that Jesus Christ is God. Now, who is teaching a different Jesus? It is Manalo, the messenger of you know who.

Receiving different spirit not received from the Apostles. What is the spirit received from the Apostles? Let's read:

"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2 Cor.3:17 NKJV)

We know where we can find the Spirit of the Lord. We know also what place where there is no Spirit of the Lord. Where? In the place where there is liberty. There, in that place where is liberty, there is the Spirit of the Lord. How about in a place where there is no liberty? In such place, there is not the Spirit of the Lord. If there is no Spirit of the Lord, what lurks in that place? That's right, it is the evil spirit that reigns in that place. Why is it then that there is no liberty in the Iglesia ni Cristo? It is because the members are imprisoned. Members can not escape the forced worship service without being visited by a deacon/deaconess. Members can not escape the paying of the thanksgiving debts exacted by Manalo or else, as taught by Manalo, they will be destroyed by God. Members cannot escape the many kinds of offerings or else, as taught by Manalo, members will rob God.

Therefore, the spirit that is in the Iglesia ni Cristo is a different spirit from the spirit taught by the Apostles.

How about the gospel received from the Apostles? Let's read the gospel taught by the Apostles:

"For I am ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (Rom.1:16 NKJV)

Therefore, the gospel received from the Apostles is the gospel of Christ. How about in the Iglesia ni Cristo? What gospel is received from this cult? It is the gospel of Manalo, which is, the twenty six doctrines made by Felix Y. Manalo that members must believe before being baptized into the Iglesia ni Cristo cult.

Who therefore are the false teachers? The false teachers are Iglesia ni Cristo ministers including their foremost false teacher, Felix Y. Manalo, who is the Devil's messenger in these last days.

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Lesson 15 – The Lord Jesus Christ - Part 2

By C.R. – October 9, 2002

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 15 and what are its fallacies?

A: Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 15 follows:

"LESSON NO. 15 - THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (PART II)

Theme: The distinctions between God and Christ and the biblical proofs that the true God is not Christ.

Summary: The clear distinctions of Christ from God are proofs that the true God is not Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ possesses attributes surpassing the ordinary man but this does not mean that He is God. God has attributes which we do not find in Christ. If Christ can do wonders such as miracles, all these are done by God through Him as God's instrument. On His own powers alone, Christ cannot do anything. Christ Himself states, "I can of my own do nothing." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p. 60)

The Fallacies of Doctrine No. 15:

The doctrine lesson is based on a wrong assumption that God, the Father, and Jesus Christ are only one person or that they have the same areas of work. The Trinity or Godhead has three distinct persons--the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Each one of the three cannot work alone as already shown in the creation of all things. Each one works together in unison. Each one supports one another just like an organism living out of cooperation of systems within the organism. Man, being a trinity, his body cannot work alone without the participation of his soul and his spirit. The three compositions of man are working together just like the three compositions of the one God from which image man is made of. When Christ said, "I can of my own do nothing," He is stating the Trinity principle that one cannot work without participation of the other two members. All three members of the Godhead are working together as one. This powers the world to turn in circles from the galaxies to atoms, of all things seen and unseen.

"But to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the Wisdom of God." (1 Corinthians 1:24 NIV) Jesus Christ is, in fact, the power and wisdom of God.

Q: What are the other deceptions included in this doctrine lesson?

A: The following are the deceptions included in this doctrine in questions and answers format:

1) "Q. What are the differences between God and Christ?

A. 1) God has no beginning.....Ps. 90:2;

while Christ comes from God.....Jn.8:42;

2) God is immortal.....1 Tim.1:17;

while Christ died.....Jn.19:30,33;

3) The true God does not recognize any God...Is.44:8; while Christ deifies God...Mk.15:34;

4) God does not get tired.....Is.40:28 NIV

while Christ got tired.....Jn.4:6 NIV

2) Q. What further proves that Christ is different from God?

A. Christ will be subjected to God....I Cor.15:27-28 TEV;

3) Q. When Christ was resurrected from the dead, what false impression did His disciples have of Him whom our Lord Jesus Christ immediately corrected?

A. They thought he was a spirit or God...Lk.24:38-39;

4) Q. Did Christ deny to His disciples that He is God: How did Christ show that He is different from God?

A. He proved that He is not a spirit or God but a man with flesh and bones, the same man they knew before He died and was resurrected.....Lk.24:38-39;

5) Q. Is it true that when Christ ascended into heaven he became God?

A. Christ will ascend to God who is our God...Jn.20:17;

The Father is the only true God.....Jn.17:1,3;

6) Q. If Christ is not God, then why is He able to perform miracles?

A. It is God who works in Him.....Acts 2:22;

7) Q. What is the evil in accepting that Christ is God, simply because in Him is shown the wonderful works done by God?

A. Many will qualify to be gods--miracles were also shown by means of Paul.....Acts 19:11-12;

8) Q. If Christ is not God, why was He resurrected after His death? Did He resurrect Himself by His own power?

A. God resurrected Him.....Acts 2:23-24;

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.60-62)

The Perversions by Manalo Explained:

Q&A #1 - The differences between God and Christ:

1) God has no beginning (Ps.90:2) while Christ came from God (Jn.8:42)? As was pointed out already in Part 14, Christ has been going forth from everlasting (Micah 5:2). Therefore, Christ has no beginning. Let's read the verse being used by Manalo in which he based his teaching that Christ has a beginning:

"Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself but He sent Me." (Jn.8:42 NKJV)

Did this verse say that Christ has a beginning? If Christ has a beginning, it would contradict Micah's statement that Christ is from everlasting. The key word of Jn.8:42 is "proceed." What is the meaning of "proceed"? According to the pocket Webster's dictionary, this is the meaning of proceed:

proceed - 1. To pass from one step or place to another, advance. 2. To continue some action. 3. To carry on a legal process. 4. To issue (from).

Did we read the meaning that says, "to come into existence from non-existence?" Read again the four meanings. None! Therefore, it's only Manalo who says Christ has a beginning. The word "proceed" is like a travel itinerary where one proceeds from one point to another point. Christ's itinerary is from God's house in heaven to earth below. Prior to that, as we already know, Christ went to test the strength of Jacob. We know also that Christ has been traveling (going forth) from of old from everlasting. There is no doubt He is traveling a lot. What is the reason why Christ came to earth originating from heaven? Christ was given a commission by God as His messenger. That's all what John 8:42 is about.

Also, Christ is always said to have "appeared". Wherever the Bible talks about the origin of Christ, it is that he always "appears". In order for one to appear, logically, they have had to exist first.

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us." (1 John 1-2 NIV)

Appeared is found in many other verses: Titus 2:11, Titus 3:4, John 7:16, 1 John 3:5, and so on.

2) God is immortal (1 Tim.1:17) while Christ died (Jn.19:30,33)?

Have we not pointed out in Part 14 that Christ is God? If Christ is God, how could He die? What died is the human body manifested by God. Have we not gone over this matter that Christ had a dual nature when he was sent by God as His messenger? What died was the human frail body, the flesh. In fact, that body rose from death and was resurrected! The eternal body did not die and can't die. Nobody can kill an eternal God. How can eternal Christ redeem mankind if He can not die? Blood must be spilled for the purpose of saving mankind. Christ's eternal spiritual body consists only of bones and flesh. Therefore, He needs to have blood plus He needs to have a body that can die. This kind of body that dies and can spill blood is the one given by God to Christ. Let's read the verse:

"Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

"Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,

But a body You have prepared for Me," (Heb.10:5 NKJV)

Is there any question here that Christ was prepared a body? If He was, then, we must accept His word of truth. If Christ was prepared a body to be used in saving mankind, therefore, it is that body that had died. Never the eternal Jesus Christ God who is a member of the Trinity. It was Jesus Christ with all the other members of the Trinity who restored the flesh, Father: Ro. 10:9, Son: Jn. 10:17, and Spirit: Ro. 8:11.

3) The true God does not recognize any God while Christ recognizes and deifies God? Let's read the verse being used by Manalo wherein God does not recognize any God:

"Do not fear, nor be afraid;
Have I not told you from that time, and declared it?
You are My witnesses,
Is there a God besides Me?
Indeed there is no other Rock;
I know not one." (Isa.44:8 NKJV)

Who is speaking in this verse? Whom do you think? You will be surprised if we will read the beginning of the paragraph. Let us read from Verse 6, being cognizant of who is speaking in the verses:

"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
And His Redeemer, the Lord of host:
'I am the First and I am the Last;
Besides Me there is no God.'" (Isa.44:6 NKJV)

Reread the verse several times and tell who is the one speaking in the verse? Clue: Who is the King of Israel? And who is the Redeemer, the Lord of host? Got it now? Then who is speaking? Both Jesus Christ and Redeemer Father God say "Besides Me there is no God." Is Christ a Rock? Of course He is a Rock (1 Cor.10:4; 1 Pet.2:6-8). Does God, the Father, recognize Christ as God? Yes, he does (Heb.1:8-9). Therefore, if God recognize Christ as God, so also Christ recognizes His Father as God.

4) God does not get tired (Is.40:28) while Christ got tired (Jn.4:6)?

Does it make sense to you that God Christ got tired? No. God does not get tired. But why did Christ become tired? What got tired was the frail body prepared by God for Christ. Does it make sense now?

Q&A #2 - Christ is different from God because Christ will be subjected to God?

There is no question that Christ is different from God, His Father. The three persons of God are one in essence but each one has His own sphere of work. Each person as part of the Godhead are working in unison. It is like the body, soul, and spirit of humans working as one man. Let's read the verses how the unity of subjection is applied:

"For the Scripture says, "God put all things under his feet." It is clear, of course, that the words "all things do not include God himself, who puts all things under Christ. But when all things have been placed under Christ's rule, then he himself, the Son, will place himself under God, who placed all things under him; and God will rule completely over all." (1 Cor.15:27-28 TEV)

Who put all things under Christ? It's God, is it not? Therefore, God did service to Christ. After God did service to Christ, what will Christ do? That's right! Christ also did service to God. The subjection of each other is reciprocal. And what about the contribution of the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit did also service to Christ and God by binding everybody as one in spirit. Therefore, the many become just one with God, the Father.

Q&A #3 - False impression by the disciples after Christ's resurrection that He is a spirit? Let's read Manalo's two verse basis:

"Now as they said these things, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened and supposed they had seen a spirit." (Lk.24:36-37 NKJV)

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (Jn.4:24 NKJV)

What is the difference between "a spirit" and "Spirit"? Or, are the two the same? They are not the same. The term "a spirit" pertains to the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that has no flesh and bones. The word "Spirit", however, pertains to spiritual bodies (1 Cor.15:44), such as God, Jesus Christ, the heavenly angels, and all residents of heaven. Even Satan (Lucifer), former resident of heaven, is spirit, only that he is an evil spirit. Those having spiritual bodies are ordinarily invisible, but, can allow themselves to be seen if they wanted to be seen. So therefore, what the Apostles saw when Christ appeared to them is the spiritual Christ. What in fact happened, was they thought they saw a ghost.

Q&A #4 - Christ denied to His disciples that He is God?
Let's read the verses to know what Manalo is talking about:

"And he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." (Lk.24:38-39 NKJV)

Christ in this instance has shown his flesh and bones to prove that He is not a spirit or ghost but Spirit. The difference between "a spirit" and "Spirit" is that only the Holy Spirit is a spirit. This means that the Holy Spirit does not have flesh and bones. It is like a wind that you can not hold it. Christ, meanwhile, is Spirit, i.e., He has flesh and bones. And everybody can hold Him. Christ being Spirit has spiritual body that can pass a closed door.

Q&A #5 - Christ when ascended to heaven he is still not God? The Father is the only God?

Let's read Manalo's basis:

"Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father, but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" (Jn.20:17 NKJV)

"Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come, Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as you have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (Jn.17:1-3 NKJV)

On the first verse, what is the problem if Christ has a God? If God Himself says Christ is God and there is no problem, why is there problem if Christ has God? They just respect each other. Did it not say in the second verse that God glorifies the Son that the Son may also glorify His Father? Read again the second verse. God and Jesus Christ reciprocate glorifying each other, equally.

On the second verse, who does Christ want to see that the Father is the only true God? It is "they" who are unbelievers of God, right? Reciprocally speaking, who does God wanted to see that the Father is the only true God? It is "they" who are the unbelievers of Christ, right? It is a teaching of Christ that people must believe God as well as Himself (Jn.14:1 NKJV). Therefore, God and Jesus Christ are both the true God. In conjunction with this, is Christ's Father, a Father of all? Absolutely, because He is a co-creator of all things. How about Jesus Christ, is He a Father of all? Absolutely, because He is a co-creator of all things. There is no need to repeat that the Holy Spirit is also a Father of all because He is a co-creator of all things. This is why Jesus Christ is called "eternal Father" in Isaiah 9:6. The Son is also father to his creation because according to John 1:3 Jesus Christ created all things.

Q&A #6 - Christ is not God because the miracles He did were done by God?

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know---" (Acts 2:22 NKJV)

Of the two natures of Jesus Christ, who do you think did the miracles? Is it the God Man Jesus or the ordinary man Jesus? It is the God Man Jesus who did miracles through the ordinary man Jesus. But the doing of miracles will not make one become God. Anybody can do miracles and tricks. People of God as well as children of the devil can do miracles. Who are the people of God that can do miracles? Let's read:

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all; for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues." (1 Cor.12:7-10 NKJV)

Therefore, the people of God who were given the Spirit in the working of miracles can do miracles. How about children of the devil? Can they do miracles, too, just like the miracles being done by Manalo?

"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deceptions among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." (2 Thes.2:9-10 NKJV)

Therefore, Satan has given his children to do miracles and wonders in order to deceive their victims so that their victims will perish rather than be saved.

Q&A #7 - It is evil if miracles are used as basis in proving that Jesus Christ is God?

First of all, who says that miracles done by Christ proves He is God? Miracles can be done by anyone whether he is of God or he is of the devil. Manalo is creating his own evil. Nobody says that Christ is God because of miracles done by Him. There is no dispute that the Apostles (Acts 19:11-12) had done also miracles. The doing of miracles is not one of the bases for becoming God. If it is, Manalo will become also God of this world which we are sure will enrage his benefactor the devil who will have a rival master of iniquities. The devil will strangle Manalo if Manalo will steal the seat of his devil employer.

Q&A #8 - Christ can't do nothing by Himself (Jn.5:30) proves that He is not God?

Can Christ do alone by Himself the creation of all things, i.e., without the participation of the Father God and the Holy Spirit? No! How about the two other remaining members of the Trinity, can each one of them do the creation of all things? Absolutely not. How about man? Can his body alone do the walking without participation of his soul and his spirit? No! Or can the spirit alone do the walking to go sight seeing? No. Only through death will the spirit move out of the body. Or, can the soul alone go sit at the potty leaving the spirit and the body in bed? Absolutely not. Therefore, the Trinitarian man as well as the Trinitarian God works together and never alone.

Q&A #9 - Christ was resurrected by God proves He is not God?

Actually, it was by the Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit that the flesh of Jesus Christ was resurrected:

The Father: "If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9 NIV)

The Son: Jesus answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and I will raise it up in three days." (John 2:19 NIV)

The Holy Spirit: "And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then He who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through His Spirit who lives in you. (Romans 8:11 NIV)

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Lesson 16 – The Lord Jesus Christ - Part 3

By C.R. – November 7, 2002

Q: What is Gospel of Manalo Lesson No.16 and what are its fallacies?

A: Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No.16 follows:

"LESSON NO.16 - THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (PART III)

Theme: Erroneous uses and wrong translations of biblical texts are the bases of those who teach that Christ is the true God.

Summary: Teachers of the "Christ is God" doctrine also use the Bible. But we should not allow ourselves to be deceived by them because we cannot read any text in the Bible where Christ says He is the true God. If that is the case, why do they have biblical texts to prove their contentions? Those biblical texts have been given erroneous interpretations (Jn.1:1,14; Isa.9:6) or wrong meanings (1 Jn.5:20) or even based on verses wrongly translated (Rom.9:5)." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p. 63)

The Fallacies of this Gospel of Manalo Lesson 16:

The techniques of the devil and of his Manalo protégé have always been contrary to what God, or Christ, or the Apostles, teach. When God says, "YOU SHALL NOT EAT THE FRUIT!" (Gen.3:3), the devil says, "EAT IT!" When Christ says, "DO NOT SWEAR AT ALL!" (Mt.5:34), the devil through his Manalo messenger says, "DO SWEAR ANNUALLY!" When the Apostles say, "WHY...DO YOU SUBJECT YOURSELVES TO REGULATIONS...ACCORDING TO DOCTRINES AND COMMANDMENTS OF MEN?" (Col.2:20-21), the devil through his messenger Manalo says, "OBEY TILL DEATH THESE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATION!" When God says to Christ, "GOD" (Heb.1:8-9), the devil's Manalo protégé says to Christ, "YOU ARE NOT GOD!"

No Verse That Says Christ is the True God?

Really? Let's read the verse that says Christ is true God:

"And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life." (1 Jn.5:20 NKJV)

As revealed by the verse, the true God is the Trinity. Let's break out the verse to see the Trinity:

"And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding,

1) that we may know Him who is true;

2) and we are in Him who is true,

3) in His Son Jesus Christ.

This is the true God and eternal life."

Therefore, the true God is the Trinity consisting of the Father, the Holy Spirit, and Son Jesus Christ. Can any member of the Trinity be true God? What do you think? Of course, any member of the Trinity is true God because the verse says so. Since there are three proper pronouns where one is identified as the Son Jesus Christ, the other two proper pronouns are therefore the Father and the Holy Spirit. What is the name of this true God? The name of this true God Trinity is: "the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt.28:19 NKJV).

As we have already seen before, all verses listed in the previous section are all consistent in all valid translations. They all teach one truth that is clearly evident; Jesus Christ is God, manifested in the flesh. There is absolutely no evidence, in any rational, logical, historical or scriptural basis to state anything else other than the claims of Jesus in the Bible, that he is one and equal to God. (John 5:18, 10:33)

How does Manalo pervert 1 John 5:20?

Manalo perverts the verse by mumbling words without a substance. Here's his statement:

"If the true God was Christ, there should be a clear statement from Him that it is He Himself that He introduced as the true God because according to 1 John 5:20, the reason for the coming of the Son of God (Christ) is to introduce to the world the true God. If He was not able to do it, then His coming would have been in vain. But we know that one of the reasons of His coming was fulfilled because He was able to introduce to the world who the true God is and He is the Father (John 17:1,3 NKJV)."

This statement by Manalo shows that he can see the verse but could not perceive what is written in the verse. It is clearly stated by the verse the true God but Manalo says, WHERE?" Although the verse says, "This is the true God and eternal life," referring to the Trinity that includes Son Jesus Christ, but, to Manalo, the English verse is still Greek to him. He even criticizes the verse that it does not make a clear statement despite that the statement is already very clear on who the true God is.

Did Christ introduce His Father as the only true God in John 17:3? Let's read this verse to catch the deception of Manalo:

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (Jn.17:3 NKJV)

Who is the only true God specified by the verse? Reread the verse. Now what is the answer? The only true God is "YOU!" The pronoun "You" may either be singular (referring to the Trinity) or plural (referring to the Father, the Holy Spirit, and Son Jesus Christ). Manalo has been perverting the verse as if saying, You, the Father, the only true God." The verse did not say that! What the verse says is, "You, the only true God!" Therefore, the devil through his Manalo protégé has amended the words of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse John 17:3 is about attaining eternal life. Knowing the only true God (not the false god created by Manalo) and knowing Jesus Christ as the messenger of God, are the two requirements for attaining eternal life. Does Manalo and do the Iglesia ni Cristo members qualify for eternal life? No! Why? In the first place, Manalo does not know who the true God is. He thinks the true God is not the Trinity. Besides, Manalo has created a false god, which is, the Iglesia ni Cristo idol. In the second place, Manalo does not teach that Jesus Christ is the messenger of God. Why do you think that Manalo does not want to teach that the Lord Jesus Christ is the messenger of God? Think of a real reason. He won't because he will expose himself as a thief of the position of Christ as he does by attempting to steal Isaiah 43 for himself.

ON ROMANS 9:5

Is Romans 9:5 NKJV, a mistranslation?

Manalo says it is. According to Manalo, the correct translation is the Revised Standard Version. Let's compare the two versions:

New King James Version:

"of who are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen." (Rom.9:5 NKJV)

Revised Standard Version:

"to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ. God who is over all be blessed for ever. Amen." (Rom.9:5 RSV)

According to Manalo, the RSV is the correct translation because it has a period after Christ. Therefore, according to Manalo, Christ is not the God blessed forever. Is the RSV translation correct? No! If you reread it and simplify, it says "to them belong... is the Christ." This is a faulty construction. It is a fragment and has no complete thought. Realizing their errors, the RSV writers have issued a new

translation to correct the mistake in their new translation called The New Revised Standard Version. What is the correct translation in the new revised version? Let's read:

"to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen." (Rom.9:5 NRSV)

In this new version, the period is replaced by a comma. Therefore, the Messiah is God who is blessed forever.

ON ISAIAH 9:6

Is Isaiah 9:6 given wrong interpretations by those who teach that Christ is God? Manalo says it is misinterpreted. Let us read the verse:

"For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given,
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Is.9:6 NKJV)

Without a doubt, Jesus Christ, the Son, is Mighty God and also Everlasting Father. But Manalo, who follows the devil's dictum of contra teaching against God, says Christ is not Mighty God.

What are Manalo's interpretations of the verse? The following are Manalo's interpretation deceptions:

- 1) Christ is not the Mighty God because the Mighty God is also the same as the Everlasting Father;
- 2) Since the prophesied one is not the Everlasting Father but the Son, therefore, the Son is not the Mighty God;
- 3) The Mighty God is not Christ but the term Mighty God refers to the government placed on Christ's shoulders;
- 4) The government is called Mighty God and Everlasting Father because this (government) came from the Father (Mt.28:18);
- 5) The nature of the one prophesied in Isa.9:6 is man of sorrows (Is.53:3).

On Deception #1 - Christ is not Mighty God because the Mighty God is the same as the Everlasting Father?

The verse expressly says His name (name of Child or Son or Christ) is:

Wonderful,
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

The fact that Christ's name is Everlasting Father does not invalidate His being Mighty God. Why is Christ also called the Father? It is because Christ co-created the universe and all things (Col.1:16-17). Why is Christ everlasting? It is because He has no beginning (Micah 5:2). Why is Christ Mighty God? Because He is also Almighty God (Rev.1:8, 19:15). Why is Christ a Prince of Peace? It is because through Him can men have peace (Eph.2:14). Why is Christ Wonderful? It is because He did many wonderful things (Mt.21:15) Why is Christ a Counselor? It is because Christ is a Teacher (Mt.13:13).

The following comment is a universal truth of God "When God speaks in the bible, He means what He says, and says what He means. " There is no guessing.

"For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand." (2 Corinthians 1:13 NIV)

On Deception #2 - The prophesied one is the Son not the Everlasting Father, therefore, the Mighty God is not the Son?

False! The prophesied Son according to the verse is the Everlasting Father. All members of the Trinity can be called Everlasting Father because they co-created all things. We don't have to repeat that Lord Jesus Christ is from everlasting and is a Creator or Father. The Son is Father to his creation.

On Deception #3 - The Mighty God is not Christ but the government?

Is Manalo here playing in a comedy or what? Manalo is making a skit out of the verse that Jesus Christ is the muscled Hercules bearing the Mighty God upon His shoulders. This is mocking of the Lord Jesus Christ and screams of desperation. Goodness, how can the government become Mighty God? We thought that Manalo has only a unitary God. Now it appears Manalo has another God, which is, an inanimate God. Manalo's gospel has turned from bad to worse. Manalo has become an animist or a pantheist. Probably, the mountains, the seasons of the year and the fowls of the air are also Gods, too, they being creations of God. Manalo has just made up any sort of response, even if it is entirely ridiculous.

On Deception #4 - The government is Mighty God because it came from God?

So, if we will follow this mode of Manalo thinking, everything coming from God are Mighty Gods? Uh oh, Manalo does not have only a unitary God and inanimate Gods, but also thousands of Gods. Imagine? All things created by God have become the Gods of Manalo! People alone are numbering in billions, how much more are the zillions of things created by God? Everything we see will be Gods if Manalo's gospel will be followed.

Let's read the verse being used by Manalo to justify that the government placed by God on Christ's shoulders is the Mighty God:

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."
(Mt.28:18 NKJV)

Did the verse say that the authority given to Christ is Mighty God? Read the verse again. According to Manalo, the authority is Mighty God because it came from God based on this verse. Again, this is delusional. The two verses and two ideas taught are not even in the same ballpark. Trying to link these two verses is taking them out of context and improper. Manalo has confused authority, with ability. God the Son always has had his eternal power as God.

Delusion #5 - The nature of the one prophesied in Isaiah 9:6 is man?

The nature of the one prophesied is already stated as Mighty God, but Manalo says, No, He is not God but man." Now it can be said that Manalo is affected with delusions of manly nature of Christ. Although Isaiah 9:6 says Christ is Mighty God, Manalo's delusionary sickness takes over that Christ is not Mighty God. Felix is just in utter denial. Manalo has caused himself and all of his followers to reject the Word of God.

Manalo says:

"You are wrong God; You said Christ is Mighty God when He is not God. I am right. I am better than you God. I know better than you, God." (hypothetical quote)

Because of these outbursts of delusionary affections, Manalo needs to be confronted and his deceptions brought into the light. The true problem for Felix Manalo, his son, and all other cult leaders, is pride, ego, and selfishness. They are more concerned about their power, money, and pride, rather than the eternal salvation of the members. Felix Manalo and the INC are in fact stealing away the salvation of their members! This must be stopped and the lies and deceptions of this false man made religion stopped. Too many souls have been lost.

ON JOHN 1:1,14

Is John 1:1,14 wrongly used by teachers of the "Christ is God" doctrine? Let's read the verses:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (Jn.1:1 NKJV)

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (Jn.1:14 NKJV)

Manalo says the verses are wrongly used. Then, let's allow Manalo to use them deceptively:

He says:

- 1) The verse does not say Christ is the true God;
- 2) If Christ is also God, there will be two Gods which is against Biblical teachings;
- 3) Christ did not exist yet in the beginning. He was only in the mind of God or just a plan (1 Pet.1:20 Douay);
- 4) The plan or Word came into existence only when He was born of a woman (Gal.4:4). It is the Word that became flesh. The Word did not become God.
- 5) The Word was God because there is nothing impossible with God;
- 6) The statement, "The Word was God," this term "God," is used as an adjective not a noun;
- 7) The statement, "And the Word was made flesh," mean the Word was fulfilled and the fulfillment is a man.

On Manalo's Deception #1:

The verse did not say that Christ is the true God? We are now in John 1:1 and no longer in 1 John 5:20 that reveals Christ is true God. John 1:1 says, the Word was with God and the Word was God. Therefore, Christ was with God. Why do we know that the Word is Christ? The Word is Christ because the other name of Christ is "Word of God." Let's read this:

"He was clothed with robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God." (Rev.19:13 NKJV)

The one sitting on the white horse (Rev.19:11) is no other than Christ. Christ's other names are "Faithful," "True," and "Word of God." Therefore, the Word mentioned in John 1:1 is Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ was with God in the beginning. Christ was already in existence in the beginning. If the teaching of God is that Christ is already in existence in the beginning, what would be the teaching of the devil? That's right, it is the reverse-- Christ was not yet in existence in the beginning. That is a false devil teaching.

Here is the irrefutable question. The Word was (always has been) God, so, the Word is God. No matter what the Word is, God's thoughts, ideas or plan, the Word is God. That Word became flesh. So much so that John says he saw, touched (! John 1:1) and dwelt with the Word, who is God. So, if the flesh that was the Word, who is God, the flesh that John touched, saw and dwelt with, if that flesh was not Jesus Christ, who was it? It is illogical to state that the Word is not God. The verse in facts says the Word is God, and that the Word, who is God, became flesh. No matter how much fuzzy logic Felix wants to fling at these verses, none of his delusions will stick.

The Word, who is God, became flesh. God became flesh. This is confirmed in 1 Tim 3:16. This truth can not be ignored. It can only be denied by unbelievers.

On Manalo's Deception #2:

According to Manalo, if Christ will be God, there will be two Gods which is a violation of bible teachings? Is there a violation? No! If God calls Christ also God (Heb.1:8-9) and there was no violation, why would a Christ a God in John 1:1 a violation? It is Manalo who is violating Bible teachings because He does not teach that Christ is God. This conflict is only a conflict in the fantasy mind of the cult member and administration and its founder, not in reality.

On Manalo's Deception #3:

Christ is just a plan in the beginning? If Christ is just a plan, why is Christ with God? Being with somebody is being in company with that somebody, in the physical presence of. Was Christ only a plan? Let's read the Bible basis of Manalo:

"Foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but manifested in the last times for you." (1 Pet.1:20 Douay)

What can you say of Manalo who despises the Catholic Church but uses and loves the Catholic Bible? Manalo is a fraud perpetrator. He is teaching hatred against the Catholic Church but deep inside himself he loves the Catholic Church. He has no respect for himself. One who does not respect his own self does not deserve respect from anyone. Felix is so desperate he has had to resort to his enemies Bible.

What is the meaning of foreknown? Is it a plan? The word "foreknow" according to the pocket Webster dictionary, means to know beforehand. Therefore, God knows Christ beforehand before the foundation of the world. Is it so? Let's read:

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." (Jn.17:24 NKJV)

Christ was already in existence before the foundation of the world because His Father God loved him. How could God love Christ if He is not yet in existence? He was. He co-created the world. What is another proof that Christ is already in existence before the foundation of the world? Let's read:

"And now O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was." (Jn.17:5 NKJV)

It is explicit in the verse that Christ had glory "with" His Father before the world was. How about after the foundation of the world, was Christ already in existence? Manalo says, "No no no nooo, not yet until He was born to Mary," To disprove Manalo, let's read a verse:

"No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven." (Jn.3:13 NKJV)

Before Christ came down to earth, He is in heaven. How could Christ come down if He is not yet in existence yet?

"For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me." (John 6:38)

While the Father sent the Son, the Son, on his own choice (Phil 2:6-8) came down from Heaven, and came, from God! If one directly comes from God, they must be, God!

"No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God." (John 16:27 NIV)

Manalo's Deception #4:

Christ came into existence only upon being born to a woman? Let's read Manalo's Scripture basis:

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law." (Gal.4:4 NKJV)

At the time set by God, God sent forth His Son. Therefore, Christ was already in existence because how could God send Christ if He is not yet in existence? How could Christ appear, if he did not exist already? In all verses that talk about Christ's origin, Christ always appears; 1 John 1:1-2, Titus 2:11,13, Titus 3:4-7, John 7:16, 1 John 3:5, Phil 2:6-9.

Manalo's Deception #5:

The text says "the Word was God," because with God, nothing is impossible? Let's read Manalo's basis:

"For with God nothing will be impossible." (Lk.1:37 NKJV)

What has this verse got to do with the text "the Word was God"? Ah, we see, the words of God are as powerful as God. The words of God are also Gods because they are powerful. Wait a minute. Did the Scriptures say, "Word" or "word"? Uh oh, Manalo resorted again to his tools of deception. Probably, we need to disarm Manalo of his pocket contents. Felix is not making any sense here at all.

Manalo's Deception #6:

The term "God" from the text "the Word was God," is used as an adjective not a noun (Gen.35:11)? Look at this protégé of the devil trying to change English grammar and usage. The word "God" in any dictionary is used only as a noun. Let's read Manalo's basis in his deception that God can be used as an adjective:

"Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty..." (Gen.35:11 NKJV)

The word "Almighty" is the adjective that modifies the noun God. Taken together, "God Almighty" is a title, a name which is a noun.

Manalo's Deception #7:

The statement "And the Word was made flesh," mean the Word was fulfilled and the fulfillment is a man (Mt.1:18-20)? The verses used are analogous to Galatians 4:4 that at the fullness of time, God sent His Son to be born of a woman. Christ already existed before being born as a human. What was born was the body prepared by God for Christ (Heb.10:5). Henceforth, Jesus Christ has dual nature--as God and as man. This verse is of utmost importance, it was in fact, God himself, who became flesh. It was God himself who suffered on the cross for each and every one of us. That is truly how much God loves us.

Any other verses that reveal Christ is God being perverted by Manalo? No more. So far, we have repulsed all of Manalo's perversions of John 1:1, Romans 9:5, 1 John 5:20, and Isaiah 9:6.

ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

Manalo, before ending his Doctrine Lesson 16, has attacked the Holy Spirit as not God. This is bad news to Manalo. Why? What do you think will happen to anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit? Let's read:

"Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter, but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation." (Mk.3:28-29 NKJV)

One who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness and is subject to eternal condemnation. How does Manalo blaspheme the Holy Spirit? He blasphemes by dishonoring and demoting the Holy Spirit as not God the way Manalo dishonor and demotes the Lord Jesus Christ.

What are the Scriptural bases of Manalo for demoting the Holy Spirit? The following are his Scriptural and non Scriptural deceptions:

- 1) The Holy Spirit is not God because He is sent by God (Jn.14:26);
- 2) The Holy Spirit is not God because He is also sent by Jesus Christ (Jn.15:26);
- 3) God sends seven spirits resulting in many Gods;
- 4) The source of the teaching that the Holy Spirit is God is the Council of Constantinople (Apos. Creed.p.206)

Manalo's Deception #1 -

The Holy Spirit is not God because He is sent by God? Do you think the nature of somebody will change if that somebody is being sent? Absolutely not! But Manalo says anyone being sent will change. This is only applicable to those being sent by Manalo. For example, INC Minister San Pedro sent by Manalo from the Philippines to San Francisco, USA, will now change Minister San Pedro into the lizard specie. This is true. Iglesia ministers upon being sent will change and become dogs, cats, turkeys, rats, and lizards. How do INC ministers become dogs? They become dogs because they are always lapping in praise of Executive Minister Manalo. How do INC ministers become cats? They become cats because they are always scratching the backs of Iglesia members to produce more visitors to the Bible exploitation sessions and produce more monies and deposits for the corporation cult. How do ministers become turkeys? They become turkeys because every thanksgiving days, they are bound to produce bountiful money gifts to the Executive Minister. Why do INC ministers become rats? They become rats because they always seek survival foods from members because the pays they receive are only rubber monies that should be returned back to the corporation via thanksgivings and sharing of corporation property expenses. How do ministers become lizards? They become lizards because their mouths are always open with hanging long tongues trained by Manalo to spike and capture the souls of Bible Exploitation visitors.

But not only the Iglesia ni Cristo ministers are changed by Manalo upon being sent to oversee the cult's deception works. All Iglesia members are also changed by Manalo upon being sent into the Gulag prison from sane to zombies.

Is the Holy Spirit God?

Absolutely! The Holy Spirit is co-creator of the universe and of mankind (Gen.1:2,26 NKJV and Amplified Bible). Also the Holy Spirit is God according to Apostle Peter that one who lies to the Holy Spirit is lying to God (Acts 5:3-4 NKJV)

The Attributes of Deity of the Holy Spirit:

- 1) Omnipresence (Ps.139:7,8);
- 2) Omniscience (1 Cor.2:10-11);
- 3) Omnipotence (Job.33:4);
- 4) Creator (Job 33:4; Gen.1:2);
- 5) Eternality (Heb.9:14);
- 6) Gives eternal life (Jn.3:3-8)

Manalo's Deception #2:

Holy Spirit is not God because He is sent by Christ? As noted above, the nature of the Holy Spirit will not change just because He is being sent. It is only Manalo who changes the natures of his subjects whom he sends. Those he sends to the Iglesia Gulag prisons become zombies. Those he sends to different places as workers of darkness become dehumanized metamorphosing into reptiles, birds, dogs, cats, and rats.

Manalo's Deception #3:

God sends seven spirits making many Gods? Let's read the Scripture basis of Manalo:

"And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth." (Rev.5:6 NKJV)

Which are these seven Spirits and are they really seven Holy Spirits? Let's read:

"The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might. The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord." (Isa.11:2 NKJV)

According to the verse, there is only one Spirit of the Lord. But what are the seven that are mentioned? They represent the fullness of the characters of the Holy Spirit. They are the following:

- 1) Wisdom;
- 2) Understanding;
- 3) Counsel;
- 4) Might;
- 5) Knowledge;
- 6) Fear (reverence);
- 7) Righteousness (justice) (11:4)

Therefore, there are not seven Holy Spirits but seven characters of the Holy Spirits.

Manalo's Deception #4:

The source of the Holy Spirit is God doctrine is the Council of Constantinople of 381 A.D.? As usual, Manalo blames the Catholic Church for the doctrine that the Holy Spirit is God. The Christian bishops not the Catholic Church are the ones who came into agreement after deliberations that the Holy Spirit is God. The Christian bishops voted and approved the doctrine based on several passages of the Holy Scriptures testifying that the Holy Spirit is God. These Bishops were the early church.

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Lesson 17 - Leading a New Life - Part 1

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Q: What is the Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 17 and what are its fallacies?

A: Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 17 follows:

"LESSON NO. 17 - LEADING A NEW LIFE

Theme: It is the obligation of the members of the Church of Christ to lead a new life.

Summary: It is not enough for man to join or become a member of the Church of Christ to be saved. He should lead a new life, too. Members who lead a new life are truly of Christ and of God. Thus, all sinful ways should be renounced by a member of the Church of Christ, and he should live by the teachings he has received." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989,p.68)

The fallacies of this Manalo doctrine:

A fish is caught by its mouth. Manalo is caught by admitting that anyone is not saved by becoming a member of the Church of Christ. Therefore, Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ membership is valueless. It is only an iron chain that Manalo clamps on his victims. The Iglesia ni Cristo is a tool or an idol used by Manalo to imprison and enslave his subjects. There is no Bible verse that says we must lead a new or sinless life. This statement of "leading a new life" is a statement from the devil. What the Bible says is one "should walk in the newness of life (Rom.6:4 NKJV). The devil had changed the word "walk" into "lead". Life can only be lead by God (Rom.8:14) and by the devil (2 Pet.3:17).

Since the Iglesia ni Cristo is not lead by God (The Iglesia ni Cristo is a tare sown by the devil), naturally, Iglesia members' lives are led by the devil. Moreover, Manalo says, "Members should live by the teachings he has received." This "teaching" he is referring to is no doubt the Gospel of Manalo teaching, which is, a perversion of the Gospel of Christ, the denial of Jesus Christ, thus the rejection of salvation.

Manalo also lies. What is this new lie of Manalo? Manalo lies that after membership and after leading a new life, then, you become saved. The truth is leading a new life still will not assure anyone in becoming saved in the Iglesia church. Manalo is a consummate devil salesman. Indoctrinees are sucked one step at a time. As soon as you hurdle one step, he goes, "Hey, one more step to hurdle, just one more step, brother, and you will become saved." Every member buying this insanity finds there is no end to the steps and work hurdles inside the cult. As the indoctrinees later find out, they need a lot of things to do and you must do them all or else your salvation is held in abeyance and your attendance card thrown in the trash.

What really counts about the Bible teachings concerning new conduct is putting on Christ which is living the life of Christ. The clothes that should be worn on is Jesus Christ (Rom.13:14). Therefore, we should not put on the prison uniform clothes required by Felix Y. Manalo. The Iglesia ni Cristo life prison clothes, or Manalo's gospel, is a garb from Satan fitted for his slaves with the duty to spread the works of darkness and the rejection of Jesus Christ.

The devil's spirit received by the Iglesia ni Cristo members

The true children of God are led by the Spirit of God (Rom.8:14). Who is the Spirit of God? He is the Holy Spirit. Those who have not the Spirit of God are of course children of the devil because what they were given is the spirit of fear. Let us read this:

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shares in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." (Heb.2:14-15 NKJV)

According to the above verse, the devil has given his subjects the fear of death. In accordance, Manalo teaches anyone who exchanges his/her Iglesia membership will die in hell. It's no wonder Manalo indoctrinates people that if they don't become Iglesia ni Cristo members they will die in the lake of fire. It's no wonder Manalo teaches Iglesia members will ditch their salvation if they forget to give thanksgiving monies, or if they will not bring soul fruits of converts, and other heluvas of Manalo requisites because what Manalo's Iglesia cult is about is the spirit of fear of death in order to keep them in bondage. The irony of this is that the death in which they are supposed to be escaping from is the ultimate destination they are herded to. Where is the ultimate end of the devil? The devil is destined to the lake of fire (Rev.20:10).

Q: What are the other deceptions of Manalo incorporated in this Manalo gospel Doctrine No. 17?

A: The following are the other deceptions incorporated in this doctrine lesson in Questions and Answers format:

1) "Q. What distinctive characteristic should be possessed by a member of the Church of Christ?

A. A new creature - the old has passed away...2 Cor.5:17.

2) Q. Which old things should be left behind so that one becomes a new creature as a member of the Church of Christ?

A. Abandon the old self that is corrupt...Eph.4:21-22.

3) Q. Why is it evil for a member of the Church of Christ to continue leading the former evil ways?

A. Because the unrighteous shall not inherit...1 Cor.6:9-10.

4) Q. Are they in the Church of Christ? How come they will not inherit the Kingdom of God?

A. They shall be cast out into the world when the darkness comes...Job.18:5,18.

5) Q. What should we do if we are still in the works of the flesh?

A. Put them to death or do away with them...Col.3:5-9.

6) Q. What are the works of the flesh referred to as those to be suppressed or to be avoided?

A. Enumerate the works of the flesh...Gal.5:19-21.

7) Q. For this reason, what should a person do before he becomes a member of the Church of Christ?

A. He should bear fruits worthy of repentance...Mt.3:8,10.

8) Q. Should one hide or deny his sins? What should we do to our sins?

A. Confess and declare them to God...Ps.32:5.

9) Q. How can one prove his desire to return to God?

A. By abandoning the former evil ways...Is.55:7.

10) Q. What blessing will be received by those who repent or who confess their sins to God?

A. They will be forgiven and cleansed...1 Jun.1:9.

11) Q. What if the sins we have committed in the past are serious ones? Can they still be forgiven?

A. Yes, no matter how grave the sin is...Is.1:18.

12) Q. What is God's warning to those who refuse to lead a new life?

A. They will be annihilated...Is.1:19-20.

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, pp.68-70)

It has to be said, both Felix and son are master Bible manipulators. It is clear to see at how they could create such a devious and destructive cult with their deeply twisted and maniacal Bible perversions as listed above. Yet if we look at each teaching of the INC, God's true Word will refute easily the demonic perversions of the Manalos.

Explanations of the Manalo deceptions:

On Q&A #1 - Distinctive characteristics possessed by Church of Christ members should be new creature - the old has passed away? Let's read the verse:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away behold, all things have become new." (2 Cor.5:17 NKJV)

The verse is not about the Church of Christ. Did the verse say, "in Church of Christ" or did it say "in Christ"? Being in Christ is different from being in the Church of Christ or any church. Manalo is an expert in railroading the verses towards his cult. Those who are in Jesus Christ are the ones who are new creatures! However, those who are in the Church of Christ of Manalo are not new creatures. Why? Because they continue to sin. Every time they pray they always confess for their sins. They are convicted sinners because they voluntarily confess for their sins day in and day out. As we already know, those who continually sin are children of the devil (1 Jn.3:8). Therefore, Church of Christ members of Manalo are in the devil not in Christ. The big difference between those in Jesus Christ and those in Church of Christ of Manalo is that Manalo's group are still old creatures. The devil condemned them to be old creatures so that they won't be saved. But we cannot blame the members, for they have fallen for the counterfeit and must be shown the truth of Christ.

On Q&A #2 - The old things to be abandoned by Church of Christ members is the old self? Let's read Manalo's basis:

"If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts." (Eph.4:21-22 NKJV)

This verse pertains to those who were taught by Christ Jesus. What about the Church of Christ members? Who taught them? Who wrote the Gospel of Manalo or the Fundamental Beliefs of the INC? He is the impostor messenger of God, Felix Y. Manalo. Therefore, the verses do not apply to Manalo's indoctrinees. This verse also says, "the truth is in Jesus". Therefore, the truth is never in the Church of Christ of Manalo. What Manalo teaches to his cult members and indoctrinees are lies and falsehoods. What do you expect from a messenger of the devil? Naturally, cult members are expected by their devil father not to put off their former corrupt conducts but to keep the members in bondage. What are these corrupt conducts? They are: Continuous unabated sinning, worshiping their idol Church of Christ twice a week, deceiving people by preaching Felix Manalo is messenger of God when he is actually messenger of the devil, abetting and condoning slavery, collusion with Manalo in not declaring their Iglesia contributions to the government, etc.

On Q&A #3 - What should be put on by Church of Christ members is renewed spirit of the mind? Let's read this:

"and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man who was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." (Eph.4:23-24 NKJV)

Manalo has already up fitted and dressed his deceived converts with the Iglesia uniform, therefore, he skirts the subject of what to put on. Instead of teaching Christ (the new man) to put on, he teaches putting on the spirit of the mind. By this, he implies the spirit of brainwashing the mind that Manalo is expert in changing humans into zombies.

On Q&A #4 - Church of Christ evil to continue former ways because the unrighteous shall not inherit?

Manalo always talks about evil because he is sponsoring evil doctrines. Let's read the verse being perverted:

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Cor.6:9-10 NKJV)

Although the verses properly pertain to the unrighteous conduct of Manalo, he uses them to scare members and indoctrinees. The following are the unrighteous deeds done by Manalo and his subservient Iglesia ministers:

1. Extortion deed - Members are threatened twice a year by Manalo to cough up increasing amounts of thanksgiving monies through weekly deposits or else they will be destroyed by God;
2. Reviling deed - Reviles all people not joining the Church of Christ cult that they will be punished in the lake of fire and reviling Church of Christ members will lose their salvation if they ever exchange their Iglesia membership or go back to their former religions;
3. Covetous deed - The covetous deed being done by members is the idolatry of worshipping the Iglesia ni Cristo idol every Thursdays and Sundays;
4. Fornication deed - Is the fornication by Manalo who had sexual relations with single and married women members of the Iglesia church as exposed by Rosita Trillanes;
5. Adultery deed - Is Manalo's sexual promiscuity with many women outside of his marriage as exposed by Rosita Trillanes, an INC member;
6. Thievery deed - The stealing by Manalo of many prophecies of the Bible and members monies.

On Q&A #5 - Church of Christ members who are unrighteous shall be cast out into darkness? Let's read the verse:

"The light of the wicked indeed goes out, and the flame of his fire does not shine...He is driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world." (Job.18:5,18 NKJV)

Manalo admits that Church of Christ members are wicked. It is but fitting that they will be cast out into darkness because that is the destination the devil has consigned them. Manalo is again caught by his mouth. He admits that Iglesia members are old creatures. Only old creatures do the works of the flesh. Those who are in Jesus Christ, upon joining Christ (1 Cor.5:17) have died with Christ in the cross (Rom.6:8). Therefore, those in Jesus Christ are already dead to the flesh. Sadly, Manalo has created a great contradiction here. First he teaches here that one must continually be performing righteous works, yet in his next rule, if one is still performing works of the flesh, which includes righteous works, they will be put to death. Works is works. One cannot do anything of themselves to gain or obtain salvation as it is a free gift from God. "And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace." Romans 11:6

On Q&A #6 - What should be done if Church of Christ members are still in the works of the flesh is that they will put to death their evil works or doing away with them? Let's read Manalo's basis:

"But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds." (Col.3:5-9 NKJV)

Manalo is so brazen in the use of the verses in spite that the evil deeds are pertaining to his conducts. Which are the conducts of Manalo that should be put off according to the verses? Anger? Absolutely! Manalo is angry at any member or ministers who question his doctrines that are not in accordance with the Bible. Wrath? Absolutely! Any minister who does not live up to the bountiful thanksgiving collection gifts expected of them incurs his wrath and are punished severely with demotions and reassignments to least desirable places. Manalo's wrath in commanding his lieutenants to hire Internet hackers to trace and liquidate Internet posters who are exposing the lies of the Iglesia cult. Malice? Absolutely! Manalo is filled with malice that members absenting themselves from the Iglesia worship desire to leave the Iglesia cult. Blasphemy? Oh yes! Manalo has been blaspheming the things in heaven such as the heavenly angels, by forcing them to become members of the Church of Christ. Manalo has been blaspheming the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit by demoting them from their God natures. He is also blaspheming the Holy Scriptures by changing its written words such as changing common nouns into proper nouns.

Filthy language? Oh yes! The filthy language of teaching not exchanging membership in the Iglesia ni Cristo with any thing else in this world, a filthy language because it surpass the name and value of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. How about lying? Oh yes! Manalo has lied that the first century Christians were Iglesia ni Cristo members. They weren't. They were members of the sect called "Way" (Acts 9:1-2). Lying to the members he is God's messenger in these last days when in truth it is Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:1; Jn.17:3). Let's read Apostle Paul's rebuke of Manalo:

"You therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? (Rom.2:21-23 NKJV)

Apostle Paul basically tells Manalo, "You should teach yourself first before teaching your Iglesia members!" On the conduct of stealing, Apostle Paul may be touching on the stealing by Manalo of the many prophecies in the Bible. With regards to adultery, Apostle Paul could be referring to the promiscuous sex affairs of Manalo with many single and married members of his cult. How about abhorring idols? Manalo abhors the saints of the Catholic Church but he himself does not abhor the Iglesia ni Cristo idol he has created. How about robbing temples? Which temples are these? The temples are the people (1 Cor.3:16), therefore, Manalo has been robbing the people members of their monies. Manalo has been robbing his members of their hard earned monies with the use of concealed weapons, which are the Bible verse (e.g. Mal.3:8, Ps.50:22, Acts 5:1-10), threatening them that if they don't thank God with monies, they will be destroyed by God.

How about dishonoring and breaking the law of God? The law of God is that it is only the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth that is given by for salvation of all men (Acts 4:10-12). What did Manalo do to this law? He changes the name Jesus Christ into Church of Christ. What is another law broken by Manalo? It is the prohibition against swearing and oath takings (Mt.5:34) which Manalo violates by requiring all his members to do frequent oath takings and reaffirmations of oaths to defend the Iglesia ni Cristo against all its enemies, an oath that has converted his cult members into sleeping cell members ready to be awakened for any future malevolent desires of Manalo.

On Q&A #7 - The works of the flesh that should be suppressed by Iglesia members are those mentioned in Gal.5:10-21? Let's read the verses:

"The works of the flesh are evident, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousy, outburst of wrath, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Goodness, all of these conducts are conducts of Manalo. We have already touched on Manalo's wraths, adultery, and idolatry. Let's go to the other conducts of Manalo:

Fornication - This is having sexual intercourse with Iglesia members who were not Manalo's wife.

Uncleanness - This refers to the dirty garments which are the prison uniform (one size fits all) clothes given to all Iglesia members. If the members are required by Manalo to wear always the uniform and never never to take out even for a moment, what will become of these always-worn-on-the-body uniform? They become dirty! This is uncleanness. Is worship of the Iglesia ni Cristo idol, a sin? Of course, worshipping and serving idols is a sin (Exo.20:3-4).

Lewdness - The lewdness of Manalo is the touching the private parts of his female members who were given the holy duties of submitting themselves to the lustful hands of Manalo.

Sorcery - Sorcery is the use of magic powers provided by the evil spirit. It is not surprising why Manalo enforces a compulsory worship service and does not want members to be absent because it is through the worship service that members are kept controlled by the powers of the evil spirit. Those Iglesia members who have abandoned the worship services (cold members) are being visited by Manalo's police officers to lure them back to the worship with ultimate Manalo's pleading to at least attend continuously the worship

service for one month before they can totally leave the Iglesia ni Cristo. Why one month of continuous worship attendance? Because Manalo knows that by attending just one worship service it has the potential of holding the cold member for at least another month. One Iglesia worship service has an evil holding spell power of one month. Imagine what eight continuous attendance of worship services will do to a cold member? The worship service is like a charging station charging the batteries of members which operate their minds. As long as members are alive, their batteries need to be recharged again and again twice a week. This is classic cult control techniques. What will happen if their batteries don't get recharged? Their batteries get discharged! What happens if their batteries get discharged? The evil holding spell dissipates and they will surely come to their senses and kick the Iglesia cult from imprisoning them.

Hatred - This is the hatred of Manalo of any Iglesia member who forsakes the worship service. It is also the hatred by Manalo of the Catholic and Protestant Churches. It is the hatred of all living humans between 100AD (or whenever the INC says the early church apostatized) and 1914AD who are all going to hell. It is also the hatred of those who expose the Iglesia deceptions. Manalo has hired the cream of the crop Internet hackers to trace posters of the truth about the Iglesia cult. With his yearly US 100 million dollar tax exempt income, he can do anything including buying justice.

Contentions - The contentions of Manalo have been against light because he is from darkness. He contends falsely that he is a messenger of God. He contends falsely that Christ is not God. He contends falsely that the Holy Spirit is not God. He contends falsely that there is no Trinity. He contends falsely that Church of Christ members will be saved when in truth there is no salvation in any other name but in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Jealousies - Manalo has always been jealous of his member's monies. Manalo thinks members' monies are his both present and future. Manalo does not want members to backslide in the money deposits and offerings. Manalo has conceived a scheme in which he divided the required offerings in as many names and must be weekly deposited so that members can not keep track of them.

What is additional evidence of Manalo's jealousy? He parted husbands and wives by requiring them to sit separately in the worship service. What is the significance of this separate seating arrangement? It signifies that Manalo has superimposed himself as the head of both the husband and the wife. As the head of the husband and wife, it is Manalo who decides what is best for the family in all matters of their married life. What about single men and women both young and old? The young ones are no longer being cared for by their parents but are now being cared by Manalo. What about the old single males and females? They are no longer independent. From the darkness, comes Manalo superimposing himself as their head.

Outburst of wrath - The wrath to punish ministers not living up to their functions of increasing memberships and increasing money collections.

Dissensions - This is Manalo's dissensions to the words of God, of Jesus Christ, and of the Apostles. Example: God calls Christ God (Heb.1:8-9), but here comes Manalo dissenting and calling Christ is not God.

It has been heard many times that there are many members in the INC who disagree with many teachings of the INC. But due to the issue that if they dissent or contend with the gospel of Manalo, they may be kicked out and sent to hell by Manalo, they refrain. What a sad state of affairs this all is. The poor INC members are kept in a state of utter control and fear.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 22

Lesson 17 - Leading a New Life - Part 2

By C.R. - March 3, 2003

Heresies - This is Manalo's heresy that Israel is no longer the people of God, and the heresy that all the first century Christians were deceived by the Catholic wolves or were killed, hence the need for a third group, which is, the INC established by Manalo. It is also the heresy that Manalo is the worm Jacob, or Manalo is the ravenous bird. The greatest heresy is the creation by Manalo of a third group called the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ of FYM) that has the sole promise of salvation.

Envy - Manalo is envious of any ministers getting rich. That is why he pays them with rubber monies. By turning his ministers into rats he hopes not one of them will have the resources to bolt out from the Iglesia prison. So also are all Iglesia members. Manalo wants them to surrender their monies so that if they become financially distressed they will be dependent on their Iglesia ni Cristo idol for help.

Murders - Manalo has essentially murdered all his Iglesia ni Cristo converts. How did Manalo murder his Iglesia members? He has poisoned their minds with lies about salvation. Salvation is only through Jesus Christ (Acts 4:1-12) but Manalo lied that it is through his Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo alone where salvation is. Do you think they will be saved if they believed a lie? No! Therefore, they were murdered. Let us bear in mind that the devil is like a roaring lion seeking whom to devour (1 Pet.5:8 NKJV). What does the devil always do to deceive his preys? That right, he lies (Jn.8:44).

Drunkenness - Drunkenness is not only being drunk with wine. Drunkenness includes being drunk with power. Manalo does not want any ministers who do not have the Manalo surname to become the bosses in the Iglesia cult. Founder Felix has appointed his son Erano to be his successor. Erano, for his part, appointed his son Eduardo, to be his deputy or successor. Erano is also in the process of replacing non Manalo minister supervisors with newly trained Manalo grandsons and nephews who are fresh graduates from his evangelical school to supervise all areas of responsibilities. The Manalo cult empire will be forever be ruled by a Manalo heir of the religious/financial empire. Senior ministers will from henceforth bow to their junior Manalo minister supervisors. The entire family is drunk with power and greed.

Revelries - Manalo is so proud of his Iglesia cult's present stature. Politicians bow their heads to him every voting season. Manalo's block voting is decisive and is a guarantee of being elected in case voters are split evenly over two or three candidates vying for the same office. Manalo revels in the fact that he can cause any bank in the Philippines to bankruptcy only by the use of its huge cash deposits. Any bank that accepts the Iglesia deposits make Manalo the boss of such bank and henceforth can not displease the Iglesia leader on whatever he wants or else, he withdraws his billions of deposits and boom, the bank's liquidity suffers and closes its doors from its customers wanting to withdraw their monies.

On Q&A #8 - People must bear fruits of repentance before becoming Iglesia members? Let's read Manalo's basis:

"Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance...And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." (Mt.3:8,10 NKJV)

The verse pertains to bearing fruits WORTHY of repentance. No human could ever make themselves worthy of salvation. Being worthy is never about membership in the Church of Christ of FYM. The repentances of the Pharisees and the Sadducees including its present day remnant Iglesia ni Cristo cult founded by Manalo are not worthy. Why are they not worthy? Because what they bear are bad fruits which are obeying doctrines and commandments of men. Who are these men? These are the Manalo men and their trained ministers or graduates of their evangelical school of deception. Why are they not worthy? They are not worthy because the fruits that they teach are different kinds of fruits. Why different kinds fruits? The fruits that they teach are Convert fruits, Money fruits, and Work fruits. These fruits are bad fruits because they are fruits of the flesh.

According to the Bible the fruits to bear are good fruits (Verse 3:10). Which are these good fruits? They are the fruits of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal.5:22-23 NKJV). What symbolize trees that must bear fruits of the Spirit? The trees symbolize the people of God (Is.61:3). Therefore, the people of God must bear good fruits which are the fruits of the Spirit and upon doing so, they become worthy of repentance provided in Matthew 3:8,10. It is only God who can judge who is good fruit or who is not.

On Q&A #9 - Iglesia members must not hide their sins but must confess them to God? Let's read Manalo's basis:

"I acknowledge my sin to You,
And my iniquity I have not hidden,
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin." (Ps.32:5 NKJV)

This verse is being perverted by Manalo. How? By teaching there is no end to the commissions and confessions of sins. Confessions of sins are only done once and forgiveness is only done once. Why? Because Christ only died once (Heb.10:10). Can Jesus Christ die a second time or can He die for you once again? No more.

The verse says iniquity must not be hidden. How about Manalo? He had been hiding his iniquities of sexual misconducts against Iglesia females. He had also hidden his maltreatment and physical abuses of his wife. His wife had been a battered woman.

On Q&A #10 - To prove desire to return to God is to abandon evil ways? Let's read the verse:

"Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the Lord,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon." (Is.55:7 NKJV)

Manalo is perverting the verse. The verse is not about returning to the Church of Christ. It is about returning to the Lord. The verse is also not about pardoning the Church of Christ members but pardoning the ones whom God has given mercies. Salvation is only through the mercy of God. It could not be worked upon (Eph.2:8) nor could be attained by membership in the Church of Christ of Manalo (INC Doctrine #17).

ON Q&A #11 - The blessings for those who repent or confess their sins is forgiveness and cleansing by God? Let's read this basis of Manalo:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 Jn.1:9 NKJV)

The verse pertains only to those who have fellowship with the Apostles (Verse 3) who are believers of Jesus Christ (Rom.1:16). Only those given mercies by God will be forgiven (Rom.9:15). Children of God do not sin (1 Jn.3:9). But what is confessing of sins? It is the personal recognition of ones sins and fallings short. It is ones realization that one is not perfect and is in need of God and salvation. However, does one have to recognize their sin for God to forgive it? No, as previously stated salvation is a free grace gift of God. Salvation is God giving to us, not us taking from God such as doing works and deeds (confessions).

This verse teaches that when we confess and recognize our sins, we can count on God being faithful and just in forgiving us of those sins and cleansing us. However, God will still do this, even if we do not recognize it fully. When we accept Jesus Christ as God the Son and Savior, it's done. We are no longer of this world, but of God's kingdom. (Col 2:9)

ON Q&A #12 - No matter how grave are the sins they can be forgiven by God? Let's read the verse being perverted:

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord,
Though your sins are like scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They shall be as wool." (Is.1:18 NKJV)

This verse pertains to the people of Israel (Is.1:3). It does not pertain to habitual sinners (Verse 16). Moreover, the chapter precludes the Iglesia ni Cristo. Why? Let's read Verse 12 & 13 to know why:

"When you come to appear before Me,
Who has required this from your hand,
To trample My courts?
Bring no more futile sacrifices;
Incense is an abomination to Me,
The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies--
I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting." (Is.1:13-14 NKJV)

Who are these people spoken by the verse that have "required this from your hand"? Who is the person who has forced the giving of monies out of their hands? It is Manalo who has forced the giving of monies from the hands of his followers. According to God, such requirement of the hand is a trampling of His courts. Also, such bringing of offerings or sacrifices are only futile. God ordered to bring no more such futile sacrifices. Imagine, Manalo has been requiring his members to bring their thanksgiving sacrifices twice a year and requiring many kinds of sacrifices here and there when it is commanded by God not to bring such futile sacrifices? Remember, if the member does not give their sacrifices, they are not saved. The member must give from their hand; otherwise they will be discarded out of the church as drawing back.

What is the incense spoken by the verse that is an abomination to God? It is the Iglesia ni Cristo's required seven days devotional prayers. Prayers are incense to God (Rev.8:4). Why is the Iglesia ni Cristo's seven days devotional prayers incense an abomination to God? Because God did not command such devotional prayers. It is only a commandment of men out of a desire for mind control--these men are no other than Felix Manalo, his son, Erano, and all his trained ministers.

What are the New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies mentioned by the verse that are being practiced by the Church of Christ of Manalo? The New Moon of the Iglesia ni Cristo is every July 27. Every year on this Moon or date, the Iglesia ni Cristo celebrates the founding of the unbiblical INC by Felix Y. Manalo by offering their idol a worship service complete with thanksgiving monies. The other Moon is the third Sunday of each year. What is this Moon? This is the year end thanksgiving moon in which the members are required to attend the so-called Thanksgiving Worship Service wherein each one, adult and babies, rich and poor, bring their thanksgiving envelopes stuffed with their sacrifices. What about the Sabbaths? Well, because the worship of the INC is not worship to God but worship to man, Manalo does not give importance to the appointment with their purported God. Manalo can change their worship days from Sundays to Saturdays if and when there are important Grand Evangelical Missions, or sports fests, or meetings of their ministers.

What about the calling of assemblies as mentioned by the verse? Guess what are these? These are the Iglesia's forced worship services on Thursdays and Sundays, forced committee prayers, forced family hour prayers, forced organizational meetings. The constant assemblies are used for mind, time, body and soul control. As with all cults, if a person has a second of their day to think on their own, that would be bad.

Now, are one's constant sins continually forgiven by the constant giving of monies and sacrifices or the constant meeting in assemblies? No! This is because they are actually an abomination to God, not something that is necessary, required, or requested in anyway.

ON Q&A #13 - God's warning to indoctrinees who refuse to lead a new life is that they will be annihilated?
Let's read Manalo's basis:

"If you are willing and obedient,
You shall eat the good of the land,
But if you refuse and rebel,
You shall be devoured by the sword,"
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." (Is.1:19-20 NKJV)

These verses do not pertain to the indoctrinees. It pertains to Judah or Israel (See Verse 3 of the Chapter). Manalo has stolen yet another verse and has commandeered the words of God for the evil purpose of bringing the indoctrinees to soul destruction and Manalo's mind control. A person who intentionally manipulates and abuses the Word of God shows their true fruit, the fruit of the tree of lies and deception, the tree of Satan.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 23

Lesson 17 - Leading a New Life - Rosita Trillanes - Part 3

By C.R. – December 24, 2002

Q: Who is Rosita Trillanes and why has the Iglesia ni Cristo been trying to suppress her bitter experience as member of the Iglesia ni Cristo?

A: Rosita Trillanes was a single female convert to the INC who was disowned by her parents after having secretly converted to the Iglesia ni Cristo unbiblical religion and having sought refuge at the INC, was given sanctuary at the central office of INC founder Felix Y. Manalo, whom Rosita reveres as the messenger of God. Her stay however in that residence became the most bitter and painful experience of her life when FYM spurned of his sexual advances punched her into unconsciousness and had raped her afterwards. Her story was related by her personal letter which was published in the Philippine Gazette in July, 1942. Her letter in the vernacular (tagalog) is reproduced below. An English translation follows.

From the Philippines' Official Gazette, Vol. 1, July 1942:

"Mga Kapatid:

Dahil sa pag-ibig ko sa Iglesya at ukol sa inyong kabutihan ay sumulat ako sa inyo upang magtapat ng bagay na talagang nangyari sa akin at mga bagay na aking nasaksihan at nalaman sa panahon ng dalawang taong pagkatigil ko sa Central. Ako ay isang dalaga na nagging kaanib sa Iglesya ni Cristo sa Batangas. Ako ay kinapootan at itinakwil ng aking mga magulang. Sa paniwala kong ako'y makakatagpo ng pag--aampon ay pumayag ako kay kapatid na Jacinto Torres na dalhin niya ako sa opisina Central. Noong ako ay naroon ay naranasan ko ang lubhang napakapait at napakasakit sa buhay ng Dalaga gaya noong lapastanganin ako ni Manalo na itinuturing kong isang ama. Noong una ay niligawan niya ako ngunit nang tumanggi ako sa kAnyang mga ninanais ay binugbog at hinataw niya ako nA aking ikinawala ng malay-tao. At noong ako ay wala ng malay-tao ay ginawa niya ang kahalayang ibig niya sa akin. Doon ay lubhang naghirap ako dahil sa masamang palakad sa akin, paghataw at pagbabanta na tinatanggap ko kailan ma't tumututol ako sa mahalay niyang nais sa akin. Marami rin akong nasaksihang mga ginahasa ni Felix Manalo, ang iba ay mga dalaga; ang iba ay mga asawa ng mga kaanib; samantalang ang isa ay asawa ng isang Ministro. Sinabi ni Manalo sa akin ang tungkol sa mga ibang kanyang ginawan ng kahalayan, noon ako'y kanyang hinihikayat na pumayag sa kanyang mga ninanais. Sinabi niya sa akin ang tungkol sa tatlumpung mga babaing kanyang pinagsamantalahan. Hindo ko maaring ihayag ang kanilang mga pangalan upang pagtakpan ang kanilang karangalan, ngunit madalas silang nagpupunta sa Opisino. Sa piling ko ay pinagsikapan niyang ginahasa ang isang dalaga na pagkatapos ay nagbuntis at iyon ay nangyaring napapuntga din sa opisina central ukol sa tanging pagkatataong may kaugnayan kay Manalo. Marahil ang dahilan kaya si Liloy ay nagbitiw ay sapgkat sinikap ni Manalong pilitin si Amada. Ang lahat ng mga itong kanyang nilapastangan ay nangangatakot magsabi sapagkat sila'y binalaang papatayin kung sila'y magsasabi, katulad ng ginawa niya kay Basilia Santos ng Paco, na itinuturo niya si Manalo bilang ama ng kanyang dalawang anak. Naging balitang-balita ito sa Paco.

Bago nagpunta si Manalo sa America, ay dinala niya ako sa bahay ng mga Protacio, sa Pasay. Ngunit noong wala pang isang buwan ay dumating siya upang kunin niya ako pabalik, nangangambang baka sinabi ko sa mga Protacio ang lahat ng kanyang inasal at ginawa sa akin; noon ako'y tumagging sumama sa kanya ay binalaan niya akong sumama sa kanya. Pagkatapos nito ay pinalayas niya sa Iglesya ang mga mag-anak ng Protacio at pinaratangan ng kabulaanan. Kanyang ginugol ang lahat niyang buwanang sahod na P1,300.00 ukol sa mga babae at sa mga mahahalay na mga gawain, samantalang ang abang manggagawa ng Iglesya ay tumatanggap lamang ng P5.00, P10.00, P15.00, P20.00 isang buwan. Ang nangyayari sa lahat ninyong mga abuloy na inaalay sa Dios ay napupunta sa kanyang ginugogol ukol sa lahat niyang mahahalay na gawa. Sinabi ko kay kapatid na Doro ang lahat ng bagay na ito noong si Manalo ay naroon pa sa Amerika.

Sa ganitong paraan ay pababayaan ba ninyong pagmalabisan ni Manalo ang mga kaanib at tanggapin ang Iglesia sa ngalan ng Dios? Hindi ba ninyo iniibig ang Iglesia? Ang inyong mga asawa at mga anak na babae ay nasa panganib sa kasawian sa mahahalay na pita ng mga taong iyan na pinalalagay at kinikilala ninyong tagapagturo ng mga salita ng Dios.

Ipinagtatapat ko sa inyo ang lahat ng bagay na ito, ipinaubaya ko sa inyo ang kapasiyahan na magagawa ninyo kung tunay na iniibig ninyo ang Iglesia at ang Dios. Sa paghimok sa babaeing iniibig niya maging siya ay isang dalaga o isang may asawa, ay binabanggit niya ay maraming asawa si Solomon at inaangkin niyang ang taong sinugo ng Dios ay dapat gawing maligaya at ang pagpayag sa pasang-ayon sa kanyang mga ninanais ay isang kapuri-puring gawa sa mga mata ng Dios. Matatanggap ba ninyong mabuting diwa ang walang kaayusang ito? Nasa inyo ang kapasiyahan.

Ang inyong kapatid na nagging sawingpalad dahil sa malabis na pagtitiwala.
"ROSITA"

English Translation:

"Dear Brethren:

Because of my love for the Church for your sake, I am writing you to confess the things that truly happened to me and the things I have witnessed and have come to know during the two years I have stayed at the Central. I am a young lady who became a member of the Iglesia ni Cristo in Batangas. Because of this, I was despised and disowned by my parents. Thinking if I would find shelter, Brother Jacinto Torres convinced me to go with him to the Central Office. During my stay there, what I encountered was a very bitter and painful ordeal like the time when Manalo, whom I considered almost like a father, took advantage of me. At first he tried to court me but when I resisted his sexual advances, he beat me and hit me which made me lose consciousness. It was during this time that I was unconscious that he accomplished his fleshly desires on me. I suffered so much because of the beatings and the threats I have received all the time that I resisted his advances. I have witnessed many more who were raped by Felix Manalo. Some were young women, others were wives of some members, while I know of one who was the wife of a minister. Manalo told me some of the other women he raped he did when he was trying to seduce me. He told me of some thirty women he raped. I cannot reveal their names but they often can be seen at the Central Office. In my presence, he raped a young lady who later became pregnant and it so happened that she went to the central office for the only time it was related to Manalo. The reason why Liloy resigned was probably because Manalo forced Amada. All of those he has raped feared telling anyone because he threatened to kill them like what he did to Basilia Santos of Paco, who claimed to have 2 children from Manalo. These were the talk of the town for some time in Paco.

Before Manalo went to the United States, he brought me to the Protacio family in Pasay. Not one month has passed he came back for me fearing that I told my hosts everything he did to me; when I resisted, he threatened me. After this, he expelled the Protacio's from the Church and accused them with false charges. He used up all his monthly salary of P1,300 on women and for his immoral acts, while the average Iglesia worker receives only P5.00, P10.00, P15.00, P20.00 a month. All of the tithes you gave to God goes to him of which he spends for all his immoral deeds. I told everything to brother Doro while Manalo is in America.

In this regard, will you allow Manalo to abuse the church's members and accept the Church in the name of God? Don't you love the Church? Your wives and daughters are in grave danger from the impure desires of the people you trust and revere as your teachers of the word of God.

I confess everything to you and I leave to you the decision that you can do if you really love the Church and God. In convincing the girl he desires, be she single or married, he claims that Solomon has many wives and that the messenger of God is to be pleased and that to consent and to agree is very pleasing in the eyes of God.

Can your good hearts accept this unrighteousness? The decision is yours.
From your sister who was disgraced because of trusting too much.
"ROSITA TRILLANES"

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 24

Lesson 18 – Worship Service - Part 1

By C.R. – March 17, 2003

Q: What is the Iglesia ni Cristo gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 18, and what are its fallacies?

A: The following is an excerpt of what the Manalo doctrine lesson is about:

"LESSON NO.18 - Worship Service

Theme: It is the responsibility of the members of the Church of Christ to attend worship services on the days set for them.

Summary: Each member of the Church of Christ believes that constant attendance in worship services is one of his obligations. Great blessings accrue to those who constantly attend worship services while great sins are committed by those who disregard this responsibility."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ, Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.71)

The Fallacies of this gospel of Manalo doctrine:

Compulsory or forced worship being commanded and enforced by a man is a vain worship (Mt.15:9). God wants man to love God voluntarily because God has given man his own will, otherwise, man becomes a machine that cannot love. A machine follows only what the machine operator wants it to do. A machine has no love and has no emotions and feelings whatsoever. Of course, the machine will break down unless it is not oiled or given regular maintenance. It is without doubt that Iglesia members are these machines that Felix Y. Manalo and his son Erano has reduced them into. Manalo does the regular maintenance of his machines through the process of reindoctrination (repetition of Iglesia doctrines) afforded by the Thursday and Sunday worships equivalent to oiling of the members. A machine can not complain. So, are all Iglesia members! A machine always obeys. So, are each and every Iglesia members! What Manalo wants, he always gets it. If Manalo wants all members to do one month of devotional prayers for his evangelical propagation to spread the gospel of Manalo, he will get it. If Manalo wants all members to sell all their possessions and properties and proceeds given to the feet of Manalo including all their monies, he will get it. If later, Manalo wants his members to commit suicides via a cyanide laced Holy Supper grape juice drink that his members practice annually, he will get it.

Iglesia's Forced Worship is a Reintroduction of King Nebuchadnezzar's Forced Worship -

The Prophet Daniel had recorded in history the forced worship enforced by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon (Daniel 3:1-7). Babylon (now Iraq), was a world power that had defeated the Assyrians and had conquered Jerusalem in 586 B.C. The fall of Jerusalem had brought about the bringing of Hebrew captives out of Jerusalem to Babylon. The famous Hebrews taken were Daniel and the three Hebrew men who were thrown into the burning fiery furnace - Shadrack, Meshack, and Abed-Nego.

Similarities of King Nebuchadnezzar's and Felix Manalo's Forced Worship:

1. Similarity of presence of time element:

Under King Nebuchadnezzar's forced worship, the time element is when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp lyre, and psalter, in symphony with all kinds of music, everyone shall fall down in worship of the idol. Under Felix Y. Manalo's forced worship, the time element is whenever Thursdays and Sundays arrive, everyone shall troop to the Iglesia chapels to worship the idol;

2. Similarity of presence of an idol:

Under King Nebuchadnezzar's forced worship, the idol being the subject of worship is the golden image set up by King Nebuchadnezzar around 596 B.C. Under Felix Y. Manalo's forced worship,, the idol being the subject of worship is the Iglesia ni Cristo idol set up by Felix Y. Manalo in 1914 A.C.

3. Similarity as to totality of people required to worship:

Under King Nebuchadnezzar's forced worship, those required to worship are all Babylonians, the Satraps, administrators, governors, counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all officials and all people in the Babylonian empire. Under Felix Y. Manalo's forced worship, those required are all members of the Iglesia ni Cristo cult including babies and children, and all officers of the Iglesia such as ministers, head deacons, deacons and deaconesses, kadiwa, buklod, binhi, area leaders, secretaries, treasurers and tellers, light of salvation, edification, choir, and ordinary members.

4. Similarity of punishment for failure to worship:

Under King Nebuchadnezzar's forced worship, those who fail to worship are punished by hurling them into the burning fiery furnace. Under Felix Y. Manalo's forced worship, those who fail to worship (absent from the worship service) is punished by judgment of throwing them into the burning lake of fire (It is a teaching of Manalo that those who forsake the worship service will have no more remedy except the lake of fire which shall consume the Iglesia worship violator).

5. Similarity of being a man-made worship:

The command to worship the golden image under the forced worship in the Babylonian empire was mandated by King Nebuchadnezzar, who is a man. The command to worship the Iglesia ni Cristo idol under the forced worship of the Iglesia ni Cristo cult was mandated by Felix Y. Manalo, who is also a man.

6. Similarity of God's testing of his people whether to worship idols or not:

The Hebrew people were commanded by God not to worship idols (Exo.20:3-4). The three Hebrews, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, passed the test when they did not worship the golden image set up by King Nebuchadnezzar. When they passed the test, God sent an angel to save the three Hebrews from the burning fiery furnace. In the present time, true people of God will pass the test if they will refuse to worship the Iglesia ni Cristo idol set up by Felix Y. Manalo. God will surely send his angels to save Iglesia members who will pass the test of not worshipping the Iglesia ni Cristo idol.

Q: What are the other deceptions of Manalo included in his gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 18?

A: The following are the other deceptions of Manalo in questions and answers format found in his Manalo gospel book called Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), pp.71-74:

1. "Q. Why is it the duty of all members of the Church of Christ to worship God?

A. This is sought by the Father...Jn.4:23

"But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him." -Jn.4:23 NKJV

FYM Note: The Father or God seeks the true worshippers. There are, of course, worshippers who are not true. The true worshippers are those who have the right to do it because they have been redeemed or cleansed by the blood of Christ, and this is the Church of Christ."

Manalo's deceptions in the use of John 4:23:

Contrary to the note by FYM, Church of Christ of Manalo members are not the true worshippers. The true worshippers are those who worship in spirit and in truth. What is worship in spirit? Is it worshipping God by closing your eyes when praying because God is Spirit? No! When Christ prayed, His eyes were wide opened (John 17:1). Manalo wants his Iglesia members to close their eyes when they pray in order to give the demons some party times to enter them and rejuvenate their minds, hearts, and souls. Worship in spirit is spiritual (not physical) worship. The fact that the Samaritan woman was debating with Christ that worship should be physical on the mountain or in the Jerusalem temple, was rebuked by Christ that such worships were not longer required by the Father (Jn.4:21). Therefore, these two kinds of worships (on Mount Sinai and in the Temple) were replaced by a new kind of worship called worship in spirit and in truth. Worship in spirit is becoming a spiritual house of God (2 Pet.2:5) or living a spiritual life and doing the fruit of the spirit which are love, joy, and self-control (Gal.5:22-25).

In fact, worship in spirit or spiritual worship is accomplished by presenting your body as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God (Rom.12:1). Let us read this:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." (Rom.12:1 NKJV)

In the New Revised Standard Version:

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Rom.12:1 NRSV)

Therefore, presenting your body as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God, is a spiritual worship. Where do you present your body? Do you present your body in the chapel of the Iglesia ni Cristo? No! Your body is always presented everywhere you body goes. You can not be holy only in one place. Manalo always perverts what is written. He wants Iglesia members to present their bodies in the Iglesia chapels in order to get monies. Moreover, Manalo misleads his members that "living sacrifice" means not to sleep or wander your minds while you are in the worship service. When the verse says "as a living sacrifice," it is about sacrifice or offering. It is never about behavior in the worship service. The Israelites had offered dead sacrifices which are the dead bulls they had killed. In the Christian era, there are no more dead sacrifices but living sacrifices which are the living bodies of Christians themselves.

How about worship in truth? Worship in truth is a worship based on truth or based on the words of God (Jn.17:17). Therefore, what should be obeyed are God's words not man's words such as the words of Manalo found in his gospel book.

Do you worship God if you follow His teaching of giving or helping to the needs of the poor and needy (Mt.19:21, Rom.15:26; 1Tim.6:17-19)? Yes, you do. That is worship in spirit because you have presented your body holy doing the fruit of the spirit, which is, kindness or unrequited love for someone in distress. It is worship in truth because you obeyed God's command to help the poor and needy.

The Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ of Manalo) members are not the true worshippers -

Why are the Iglesia members not the true worshippers but false worshippers? First of all, they are doing the old worship in the temple (or in their chapels). If temple worship is still accepted, why did God allow the Jerusalem Temple to be destroyed in 70 A.D.? The reason is because the new temples are now his Christian children. God's people are His temples (1 Cor.3:16-17). As God's temples, people of God live a holy or spiritual life. What about the Iglesia ni Cristo members? Are they holy when every time they gather and pray, they always ask for forgiveness of their sins? They are constant sinners! They are subjects of the devil (1 Jn.3:8). Let's read this verse that testifies that Church of Christ members of Manalo are subjects of the devil's deceptions:

"He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (1 Jn.3:8 NKJV)

Is there any doubt here that Iglesia members are applicable to the above verse because they always sin as proved by their constant prayers asking for forgiveness of their sins? No! So have Iglesia members been sinning ever since they joined the Iglesia cult? Is worship of idols such as the Iglesia ni Cristo idol, a sin? You bet.

While this may be harsh language it is very important. Such as those who are in other false cults, INC members in this false cult are under the false deception of Satan. While they think they are saved, they are not. Anyone who does not accept Jesus Christ and His claims are not saved (John 8:21). When the INC member stands before God, they can not make the excuse by saying, I was not aware what I was being told was false. It is the responsibility of all Christians to know what they believe and test it.

"Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." (Acts 17:11)

2. "Q. What power has God to require us to worship Him?

A. He created us and we are His people...Ps.95:6-7

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God,

And we are the people of His pasture,

And the sheep of His hand." -Ps.95:6-7 NKJV

FYM Note: It is really the obligation of the creature to worship his Creator. But because the world has turned away from God, the ones expected by God to render Him true worship are the members of the Church of Christ which are His people in these last days."

Manalo's deceptive use of Psalms 95:6-7:

Who created all people or who created mankind? It is God the Son (Gen.1:26-27 / Col. 1:16). Then who are supposed to love God? All people is it not? But how come there are children of God and there are children of the devil? It started when Adam and Eve had eaten the forbidden fruit in the midst of the garden. They had eaten the fruit because they were deceived by the devil. Adam and Eve were not machines. They were given their own wills because God wants them to show their love to God. But they were deceived by the devil and fell into sin. That's what caused the original sin of mankind. All men are condemned to die because of that. Did God abandoned humans because of that? No. He sent His grace to humans by sending His only begotten Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, one man's offense of disobedience (Adam's sinning) produced judgment of death to all men, but through one Man's (the God/Man Jesus Christ from heaven) obedience (to die on the cross), the free gift of God came to all men (Rom.5:18).

Therefore, all men are brought back to God because of Jesus. What is the significance of Christ's death on the cross? Sin (past, present, and future) shall no longer have dominion on the people. Man's sin was paid for already by Christ (Heb.10:10). There came also the new era that we are no longer under the law of sin but under grace (Rom.6:14). Salvation now rests upon the mercy of God. Because of this, Manalo is put out of business.

Formerly, Manalo has a brisk business of using sin to entice people to join his cult saying, "Hey you, Sinbad, you are a sinner, therefore, you need the Iglesia ni Cristo in order to be saved from death in the lake of fire because of your sin!" A knowledgeable Sinbad will just answer Manalo, "Get out of here, you scumbag!"

Then why are there still children of the devil such as the Iglesia members when Christ already died for all men (Rom.6:10)? The mystery is that there is a condition imposed by God in order to benefit from the redemptive act of Christ. What is this condition? Let's read:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." -Jn.3:16 NKJV

If you will read the verse carefully, you will know God's condition. What is the condition? The only condition and requirement of salvation is believing in Jesus Christ. When you believe in Jesus Christ, you will have believed also God who sent Christ. What about if you don't believe in Jesus Christ but you believe instead a guy named Felix Y. Manalo? If we will read the next Verse 18, what you will get instead of eternal life, is eternal punishment. Why would the Iglesia members not believe Jesus Christ? What do you think? The reason is because their father (Manalo) is prohibiting them from doing so. Satan deceives and teaches lies, and his number one goal is to cause the denial of Jesus Christ. This is exactly what is happening in the INC. Felix and Son have caused the INC member to deny and reject Jesus Christ and not to believe in Him.

"Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then, he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshipped Him." (Jn.9:35-38 NKJV)

To believe in Jesus Christ is to say it by word of mouth as when the former blind man mouthed, "Lord, I believe!" Therefore, the former blind man fulfilled the condition of believing Jesus Christ. He surely, will not perish but will have everlasting life. It should be noted also that after believing he obtained the right to worship Christ. The Iglesia ni Cristo members who do not believe Jesus Christ do not have the right to worship Jesus and neither God. . They are the false worshippers. In addition, we are only authorized to worship and bow down to God. If Jesus Christ was not God, as the INC teaches, then the worship of Jesus Christ would be in violation of God's commandments.

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.' " (Matthew 4:10)

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.' " Luke 4:8

The primary control technique of all cults is called Time Control. In order to keep a tight control of indoctrinees the cult manages and controls all available time of the member. Any second the member would have to think on their own, the possibility of the lies of the cult could be realized. The INC is not the only cult to employ this classic cult technique of time control; however, they are one of the best.

One of the best ways to use time control is by forced and required worship services. In addition to these services, all of the mandatory bible studies and classes are all cult techniques of the Iglesia's time control. The forced coerced worship services really have nothing to do about giving God worship. The design and purpose of the worship services is the continued indoctrination reinforcement and time control of the poor member. With such a dastardly burden on the soul and mind of the INC member, they really have no hope for finding God's truth on their own. Most INC members are mentally conditioned to give indoctrinated automatic responses (another cult technique) whenever challenged or asked about the doctrine of the INC. Most INC members do not even think, they only spout out conditioned responses without any rational or logical thought.

This is why it is very difficult to debate with INC members as well as your typical cult member. There are lots of walls and defense mechanisms to break through to get to the open mind of the human who has been wrapped in the machine of the cult. As difficult this task is, there is always hope. If the INC member truly cares about God, and truly has accepted Jesus Christ as their savior, then there is a small hole to enter in to reveal the truth to the INC member.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 25

Lesson 18 – Worship Service - Part 2

By C.R. – March 24, 2003

3. "Q. Where do the people of God worship Him?

A. In His holy temple....Ps.5:7

"But as for me, I will come into Your house

in the multitude of your mercy;

in fear of You, I will worship toward Your holy temple." -Ps.5:7 NKJV

FYM Note: Explain: The temple referred to in the verse is equivalent to our present chapel or house of worship."

Manalo's deceptive use of Psalms 5:7 -

The Book of Psalms is written by David, a man of God. There was no Jerusalem Temple as yet because the Jerusalem Temple was only built by Solomon, his son. Therefore, the temple that was mentioned by David was no other than the movable tent or the tabernacle. This tabernacle is not a fixed structure but is collapsible, movable from place to place. Knowing this fact, would you consider Manalo's chapels as movable temples? No! Iglesia chapels are immovable structures of concrete and steel. What about Manalo's cheap imitation tabernacle in Quezon City, Philippines? This cheap imitation tabernacle is a fixed structure, too. For example, if they will worship their idol in the remote village of Basilan in southern Philippines where there is no established chapel yet, can Manalo fold his Quezon City cheap imitation tabernacle and carry it to that place? No, he can't. Therefore, Manalo is in violation of the specifications of the tabernacle that can be folded, carried, and moved about from place to place. Even if Erano can build a movable tabernacle with gold fixtures and goatskin roof, he won't do it because he will be harassed by the AbuSayyaf kidnapper squads who will have easy access to Erano's thanksgiving money collection depot. The AbuSayyaf could not possibly kidnap any Iglesia ministers because Erano is cheap and would not pay a cent for ransom of his ministers or for any Iglesia member for that matter. If there is a stickup, it is of great wonder if Erano can force his deacons and deaconesses to cough up replacement monies under pains of expulsion as what he does in Manila. In such AbuSayyaf money grabbing incident, the sting will be dubbed: "Robber robs another robber!"

4. "Q. Which is this worship performed in the house of worship and how is this done?

A. This is the gathering together with singing, prayers, and teachings....1 Cor.14:26,15 -

"How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, and has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding." -1 Cor.14:26,15 NKJV

FYM Note: Explain: This program of our congregational worship is not something new. This is also the program of congregational worship of the first Christians. They had prayers, singing, and studies of God's words."

Manalo's deceptions in using the 1 Cor.14:26 verse -

Take note how Manalo deceives the indoctrinees by instructing his ministers to lie to the indoctrinees that their worship is not new and that it had been done by the first Christians. This is a lie. The Iglesia worship is very different from what was done by the first Christians. The place that the Corinthians (who were Gentile Christians) had gathered was not a temple but houses (Rom.16:1; 1 Cor.16:19). The following are the requirements of the gathering specified in 1 Cor.14:26:

1. No fixed time (Verse says, "whenever you gather");
2. No single fixed place (Rom.16:10-11- Each Christian household gather in their respective houses);
3. Everyone has a psalm (Eph.5:19 - speaking to one another in psalms);
4. Everyone has a teaching (1 Cor.14:31 - All may proclaim God's message at a time);
5. Everyone has a tongue (1 Cor.14:18-19 - Everyone speaks in understandable language);

6. Everyone has an interpretation (1Cor.14:11 - There is an interpreter for every foreign language spoken);
7. All things done for edification (1 Cor 14:11-17 - Understanding of God's message leads to edification).

Felix Y. Manalo's man-made worship contrasted with the 1 Cor.14:26 teaching:

1. There are fixed times (Every Thursdays and Sundays);
2. There is a fixed place (The Iglesia chapel buildings);
3. Members do not have their own respective psalms (Psalms being used by the cult are Protestant hymnals but lyrics were replaced with Iglesia ni Cristo lyrics);
4. Members don't speak or teach one another but Erano serves as the only teacher as he is the preparer of sermons;
5. There is no separate revelator (Erano is both the teacher and the revelator);
6. There is no translator of foreign language;
7. Addition of offerings requirement (No such offering requisite done by the Corinthians. Read again, if there were any offerings mentioned by the 1 Cor.14:26 verse);
8. Instead of edification result of the gathering, Erano had created his Edification Office that has duty of keeping track of worship escapees;
9. Addition of nametag turning chores;
10. Addition of locking of doors during worship so no one can get out;
11. Addition of prior seven days devotional prayers for some worships;
12. Addition of separate seating for males and females;
13. Enforcement of involuntary attendance.

As you can see, the Iglesia worship is an abomination of what a true gathering should be as taught by the Apostles. There are many Manalo made additions and deletions reducing their worship gatherings into man-made worship.

Why does Manalo want to assemble all families into one Iglesia chapel per local? To answer this is to know which is more profitable. Are worships in chapels more profitable than worships in houses of members? Absolutely. In chapel worship, Erano gets more monies and spends less because he has to pay only one minister to say his prepared sermon. In household worship, Erano will get only troubles

Is gathering of two or three prohibited? No! Two people are the minimum number who can gather (Mt.18:20). What about in Felix's and Erano's religion? Beware of Manalo because if only two Iglesia members had attended his compulsory worship, he will send his deacons and deaconess police inspectors to round up all those who had escaped the worship.

5. "Q. What is Apostle's strict instruction concerning these gathering together of the members of the Church?

A. Do not neglect attendance...Heb.10:25

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching." -Heb.10:25 NIV

FYM Conclusion: Thus, no one can insist that he will worship God only in his own house because the strict instruction is not to neglect the attendance at gatherings."

Manalo's deceptions in the use of Heb.10:25 -

The verse did not say, "Do not neglect attendance" which gives importance to checking of attendance that is being practiced by the Iglesia cult. Because the Iglesia cult has a devil father, the leader is expert in changing the words of God. What the verse says is, "not give up meeting together." In other words, Christians must meet together. Apparently, some Christians fail to meet together.

The first Christians did not have compulsory gathering attendance and checking of attendance. What is the proof? Let's read the proof:

"Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time; however, he will come when he has a convenient time." (1 Cor.16:12 NKJV)

Upon reading this verse, did the Corinthians have compulsory gatherings? No! They can come to the gathering at their convenient times. What about Erano who wants to enforce his man-made doctrine? Iglesia escapees will brace themselves for Erano's judgment of wrath.

Does Apostle Paul rebuke Erano G. Manalo's compulsory worship? Let's read:

"But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion as it were, but voluntary." (Philemon 1:14 NKJV)

According to Apostle Paul, doing good deed is not by compulsion but voluntary. How about Erano? You like it or not, you are compelled to attend his compulsory worship or else your deacon/deaconess guard will be at your door to extract your reasons for being absent. Manalo has a "kempetai" sentry to enforce his man-made worship.

Another deception of Manalo in using Heb.10:25 -

Manalo has hidden Verse 24. He had quoted only Verse 25. Why do you think Manalo had hidden Verse 24? The main reason is so that he can hide the true context of the verse. Let's read the citation from Verse 24:

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another---and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Heb.10:24-25 NIV)

Now, the context of the verse is clear. The gathering mentioned is not a worship service! Why so? The purpose of the meeting together is to spur one another toward love and good deeds. Therefore, the Christians meeting together was an informal gathering whose goal is to advance the love of brotherhood among the believers of Christ and to spur doing good deeds which we know already as fruit of the spirit. The meeting is an informal setting where brethren can react among themselves, hug, or advise one another. Manalo's goal, however, is to brainwash members through his forced worship wherein he can reindoctrinate members again and again keeping a tight control over their body, mind and soul

6. "Q. When did the first Church perform their gathering together or worship services?

A. On the first day of the week....Acts 20:7

"Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight." (Acts 20:7 NKJV)

Deceptions of Manalo in using Acts 20:7 -

The verse did not say "every first day of the week." Paul happened to be with the disciples on that first day of the week when the disciples commemorated the Lord's Supper. Take note that commemorating the Lord's Supper is breaking the bread only. Therefore, Manalo had added the drinking. Manalo always adds or deducts to what is in the Scriptures.

What about if Manalo fights for his doctrine of worships every first day of the week? He'll be caught again perverting the Scriptures. First day of the week is only Sundays. Manalo had added the fifth day (Thursday) of the week as another worship. Why add another day of worship? Probably, if we will allow Erano to drink a truth serum, he will gladly tell the truth about the reason for adding the Thursday worship. He will say, "I am now telling the truth, brethren, my father added the Thursday worships to get more monies!"

7. "Q. Why is it that in the Church of Christ there are other days set also for worship services? Were there instances that the first Church performed worship services on other days aside from the first day of the week?

A. There was a time when they worshipped every day...Acts 2:46

"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart." –Acts 2:46 NKJV

Manalo's perversion of Acts 2:46 -

Manalo really has intentions of amassing more monies by enforcing seven days a week worships. Manalo follows always his Iglesia law of increasing responsibilities. From one day a week of worship, up to two days a week worships, and up to seven days a week worships. Why will Erano use Acts 2:46 alleged daily worships if he will not use it later on? Sure, he will. The Iglesia's seven days a week worship is now being tested via the seven days nightly devotional prayers where nightly, members troop to the chapels to say prayers and attendances checked.

Did the first Christians really have seven days a week of worship? No! What the Christians continued daily was eating food. Of course, the Christians had to eat daily or else they will die.

Why were the disciples staying at the Jerusalem Temple at that time? Let's know why:

"Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high...And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God." (Lk.24:49,52-53 NKJV)

The context of daily in the temple is continuous presence, which implies the disciples have been staying at the temple. The reason why they were staying at the temple was because Christ commanded them to tarry (stay temporarily) in the temple. They were required to be together until they were empowered by the Holy Spirit. Another reason why they were staying at the temple is because they had sold their properties and belongings (including their houses) and the proceeds given to the Apostles' feet for equitable distribution (Acts 2:44-45). Having sold their houses, where do you think they will stay?

Erano must have a plan to require all Iglesia ni Cristo members to sell their properties and possessions and proceeds surrendered to Erano's feet. For sure, he already has an available method to advance his appetite for more monies. He has a convenient verse (Acts 5:1-10) for use to back up members' selling their properties. He has the technique for enforcing it, which is, the use of fear of death by requiring them to have one month or more devotional prayers to keep their resistance down to zero. Finally, the puzzle pieces are falling into their proper places. Why are members always reminded that the first Christians sold all their properties and proceeds surrendered to Apostles' feet? Why is there annual practice of drinking of grape juices? Why are there practices of locking of chapel doors? The puzzle portends that something is in store for all Iglesia members. For all cults, only 100% and total control is acceptable, even until the end.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 26

Lesson 18 – Worship Service - Part 3

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8. "Q. What right does the Church Administration have in setting the day for worship services?

A. Confirmed in heaven...Mt.18:19:

"Again, I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven." -Mt.18:19 NKJV

Note by FYM: Explain: The Church Administration has the right to decide on the things pertaining to the service of God such as setting the days for worship services. Their decision is confirmed by God in heaven and that is why we do not neglect any man if we neglect such services, but God Who seeks us to worship Him."

Manalo's perversion of Matthew 18:19 -

The verse says, "if two agree on earth..." Who are these two that must agree on earth, and how come there is only one (EGM) agreeing on earth? If we will read the next Verse 20, the two are those who will gather in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, who decides when to gather are the members. Besides, the people who will gather must be in the name of Jesus Christ. It is never a gathering in the name of Church of Christ of Manalo. Without a doubt, Erano is perverting the verse asserting his authority when he does not have the authority. Furthermore, the Iglesia members are worshipping a different god - their idol Iglesia ni Cristo.

What about Erano's argument that Iglesia members serving the Church of Christ are also serving God? This is not allowed by Christ because you can not serve two masters. Let's read the teaching of Jesus Christ:

"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." -Lk.16:13 NKJV

It is a teaching of Lord Jesus that you cannot serve two masters. Which are these two masters of the Iglesia members? They are their Master God and Master Erano G. Manalo. If Iglesia members will love God, they will hate Erano. And if they will love Erano, they will end up hating God. Only one master can be served. Did not Christ say the first commandment, "to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind (Mk.12:30)? All Iglesia members have been loving God 5% or less while loving Erano 95% or more. What is the proof of this? When Erano ordered all Iglesia members not to exchange their Iglesia ni Cristo membership (or Iglesia idol) with anything else in this world," what did the members said? "Amen!" Where is the love of God that teaches Christ should be given preeminence in all things (Col.1:18)? Erano has replaced the name of Jesus Christ with his Church of Christ idol. Erano and his father Felix have no shame associating their cult's name with Christ's name despite that both father and son spit on the name of Christ by rejecting the claims of Jesus Christ.

9. "Q. What if we have to transfer residence for reasons of livelihood? What is God's strict instruction to us?

A. Look for the house of God wherever it is...Deut.12:5:

"But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go." -Deut.12:5 NKJV

Note by FYM: Instruction: Wherever we go, we should look first for the house of worship. Wherever we may be, we must remain members of the Church of Christ. Therefore, He expects us to set time for worshipping Him."

Manalo's perversion of Deut.12:5 -

The place is always chosen by God (Ps.122:9). Which are the chronological places chosen by God to worship Him? The first place chosen by God was Mount Sinai (Exo.3:12). The second place chosen was the tabernacle (Exo.25:8-9). The third place was the Jerusalem Temple (2 Chro.7:12) until 70 A.D.

After the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D., which is the last place chosen by God and still the place today where we worship God? The place is the flesh and bones body of Jesus Christ (Jn.2:18-11; Eph.5:30). Jesus Christ is the new temple that replaced the Jerusalem Temple which Christ said will rise in the third day. Jesus Christ is now the temple of God serving as the chief cornerstone (Acts 4:11). This is the same temple building that Christ said He will build (Mt.16:18). Those who have joined the flesh and bones body of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.6:15) became also the temples of God (1 Cor.6:19). How did they become the temple of God? When they have joined Christ they became one flesh with Him. Therefore, when a believer joins Jesus Christ's flesh spiritually, there are no more two fleshs but one flesh. How can one join the flesh and bones of Christ? Through God's mercy (Rom.9:15). God calls His people and gives them to Christ (Jn.6:37).

Who is at work in saving men? Is it man (this is Manalo's teaching) or is it God (this is the teaching of Jesus Christ)? Contrary to the teaching of Erano, it is God who does the work of saving people (Jn.6:29). How about the argument of Erano that men are needed in saving people using 2 Thes.2:14 that people are called by the gospel brought by the ministers of the Iglesia ni Cristo? Let's read this:

"But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, stand fast and hold the tradition which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle." -2 Thes.2:14 NKJV

The verse says, "He called you by our gospel..." Therefore, it is God who has called. But can God call without the necessity of men to guide mankind? The last sentence says, "you were taught, whether by word or our epistle." Whose word is it? The words of Christ and His apostles. Which epistle is it? It is the epistles of the Apostles and Disciples of Christ that constitute the Holy Bible. Can you be taught by the epistles without human guides? Oh yes, the Holy Spirit serves as your guide and teacher (Jn.14:26). We don't need any Erano Manalo or Felix Manalo or their Iglesia ministers who are false preachers preaching their own man-made gospel. If we can read the Bible we can understand it (2 Corinthians 1:13).

10. "Q. What is God's warning to those who neglect worship services?

A. He will punish them in the lake of fire...Heb.10:25-27:

"...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." -Heb.10:25 NKJV

"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries." -Heb.10:26-27 NKJV

EGM's Note: Explain: To neglect the worship service is considered a serious sin. God will inflict terrible punishment on those who do so. From now on never miss attendance, unless you are seriously ill or physically incapable."

Manalo's Perversion of Heb.10:25 -

FYM and EGM being purveyors of the devil's doctrine of fear of death, have to inculcate into the minds of all Iglesia members the threats of death in order to chain the members' necks bolted to the Iglesia prison system. How do the father and son (FYM & EGM) accomplish the trick? If you have access to a Bible, you will realize that Verse 25 is from a previous paragraph. Manalo has coupled Verse 25 with the next paragraph which is Verse 26. Verse 26 is a separate paragraph because it has another topic, which is, Willful Sinning. Manalo did the coupling so he can hold all Iglesia members his hostages.

How has Manalo used Verses 26-27 to hold hostage all his Iglesia members -

According to Manalo, if you don't attend the worship service, you have done serious sin and God will inflict terrible punishment on you. Let's assume that Feljun B. Fuentes, an Iglesia member and minister editor of the cult's month magazine God's Message. Feljun had suffered faith shipwreck as a result of being removed from his position as editorial writer of his group's magazine. We do not know why he was kicked out. Probably, he incurred the ire of EGM when he wrote something derogatory to the INC. Because of Feljun's shipwrecked Iglesia faith, he did not attend the worship services.

As we all know, Erano has radar equipment in place to know whether you attended the worship or not. This radar equipment is the nametag that you must turn every time you attend the service. Feljun's deacon was alerted at once when the radar sounded that Feljun had not turned his nametag. It means he was absent. At this point, according to Manalo, Feljun has incurred a very serious sin. Feljun is now consigned to the lake of fire.

After two months of non attendance, Manalo now gets worried not because of Feljun but because of reports of decrease in the money deposits of the local where Feljun is listed. Therefore, Erano calls up the assigned minister of that local to explain the decrease in thanksgiving deposits. The minister answered, "Sir, our locality's thanksgiving deposits had decreased because Brother Feljun B. Fuentes had not been attending the worship services and, therefore, had not been making his weekly thanksgiving deposits!" Erano's ears became inflamed as if stung by a bee. With great wrath in his eyes, he commanded, "Get him to attend the worship services! Interview him why he had shipwrecked his Iglesia faith and do whatever you can to buoy him up. Promise anything, promise heaven, promise he will get back his position as editor of God's message as soon as he gets back to worship service!" "Yes, Sir," was the minister's reply.

When telephone calls to Feljun remained unanswered and personal visits were unfruitful, the minister and the local head deacon hid in the bushes behind Feljun's house to catch the worship escapee. With binoculars at day and night vision goggles at night, the daring James Bond duo scour the comings and goings of cars. When Feljun's car is seen approaching, the daring daredevil duo immediately goes into action. As Feljun emerge from his car and before he could escape, it is too late. "Gotcha!" The worship escapee is taken into INC headquarters for catch-up reindoctrination sessions.

The minister reindoctrinates Feljun. "You will not lose your salvation and you will not be thrown into the lake of fire provided you return to the worship services!" "What? What about Hebrews 10:26-27 telling me there is no more remedy for the sins I have done?" The minister's reply: "Brother Feljun, that verse can be overruled by our Church Administrator. Our Church Administrator is the son of the last messenger Bro. Felix. The secrets of the Bible was now transferred to Bro. Erano. Therefore, Bro. Erano knows when to overrule or not overrule the Bible! If Brother Erdy says there is a remedy for your sins, you are lucky. So please attend the future worship services and everything is forgotten."

NOW WE KNOW why Iglesia ni Cristo members have become hostages of Erano. They became hostages because they believe a lie that Erano G. Manalo is higher than the Bible. And the members believed the lie the Felix Y. Manalo is the last days messenger of God. As the Bible says, "they exchanged the truth for the lie," (Rom.1:25). Which is the truth that Iglesia members had exchanged for the lie? The truth that it is Jesus Christ who is God's messenger in these last days (Heb.1:1). Therefore, Iglesia members exchanged Jesus Christ for Felix Manalo. And now, they exchange Jesus Christ for Erano G. Manalo. After Erano, who will Iglesia members exchange Jesus Christ for? That's right, Jesus Christ will be exchanged for Eduardo Manalo (son of Erano), the deputy executive minister.

The true context of Heb.10:26-27 -

Verse 26 has nothing to do with the previous Verse 25, it being in a separate paragraph. Verse 26 pertains to the topic of Willful Sinning. Willful sinning is when you know that it is violation of God's commands but you still do it voluntarily. Christ died for the world only once. Christ can not die again and again every time you commit sins. Therefore, there is no more sacrifice for such sins as stated by the verse. And what do the Iglesia ni Cristo members do? They crucify Jesus Christ again and again for they commit non stop sins as evidenced by their non stop asking for God's forgiveness of their sins.

True context of Heb.10:25 -

Is not attending a voluntary gathering a sin? Supposing you have not attended the OSCAR awarding gathering, are you now consigned to the lake of fire? No! What about being absent from the voluntary gatherings of Christians? Of course, you won't either. Is the informal gathering mentioned in Heb.10:25 voluntary? To get the whole picture of Heb. 10:25 we must start reading from Verse 24. Manalo has hidden this verse to hide the context of Verse 25. Let's read the verses:

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." -Heb.10:24-25 NKJV

Reread the verses carefully. Was there a command or an advice? It is an advice "let us consider". What are the advices? They are:

1. Consider one another;
2. Stir up love and good works;
3. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together;
4. Exhorting one another.

When somebody advises you, is he forcing you? No. It's up to you if you will take the advice or not. You have the freewill to take the advice or not.

Erano, however, converted the foregoing advices into commands. Which are these commands that replaced the advices of the Apostles? They are:

1. Command #1 - Every Iglesia member must follow the Church Administration. (Forget about considering one another);
2. Command #2 - Every Iglesia ni Cristo members must love the Church of Christ and do good works required by the Church. (Forget about the advice to stir love of God. Can you love God if you are forced to? Absolutely Not! If you are forced to love God, it will not be true worship but fictitious worship. Instead of loving God, Manalo stresses love of the Church of Christ founded by him);
3. Do not be absent in the Thursday and Sunday worship services! (The advice was turned into a command);
4. All Iglesia members must bear fruits (convert fruits, money fruits, and Iglesia work fruits) as long as you live. (The word "exhortation" was thrown by Erano into the garbage can).

Therefore, Manalo has perverted Heb.10:25 by converting advices into his man-made commands.

We already know that Manalo has been teaching conflicting teachings to the teachings of the Apostles. The first Christians were doing good deeds voluntarily (Philemon 1:14). If the first Christians were doing good works voluntarily, what about the Iglesia ni Cristo members? The Iglesia members because they are not Christians do works with swords pressed into the backs of their heads.

11. "Q. Will Christ give value to the various excuses offered by those who neglect the worship services?

A. Those who offer excuses are not worthy of the kingdom of God...Lk.9:59-62:

"Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand on the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk.9:59-62 NKJV

EGM Note: Instruction: You should not be hindered by your employment or profession or any personal interest in performing this duty. God should have priority over anything in the world."

Deceptions of Manalo in using Luke 9:59-62 -

The citation is not about attendance to worship service, but is about following Christ to become His disciples. Manalo would do anything to deceive the indoctrinees.

Becoming a Christ Disciple -

How can one follow Jesus Christ to become His disciple? Do you attend the Iglesia worship? No! Those who become Christ's disciple follow Jesus Christ. It is never following Felix Manalo. According to the citation, family responsibilities must not be placed ahead of following Christ. Why did Jesus Christ say, "let the dead bury their own dead"? The dead are the alive who are considered dead because of their trespasses and sins (Eph.2:1).

They are considered dead though alive because they are already condemned to die (Rom.6:23). Because of this, Christ said, "God is not the God of the dead (Mt.22:32). Can a dead become alive? Sure! You can be made alive by the mercy of God through Jesus Christ (Rom.6:23).

Which is the Kingdom of God?

It is important to know which is the kingdom of God in order not to be misled by Manalo. According to Manalo, the kingdom of God is his Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo. This is absolutely ridiculous and absurd, but, his deceived members believe him. The root cause of this is they believe the lie that Felix Y. Manalo is the last messenger of God. And they believe the lie that Felix Manalo is the only one given the secrets of the Bible. But we know the truth that the last messenger of God is Jesus Christ (Heb.1:1). And we know the truth that the secrets of the Bible was made known to all nations (Rom.16:26).

The kingdom of God is a mystery not given to Felix nor Erano Manalo. The mystery was given only by Christ to His Apostles and disciples (Mk.4:11). What is the clue to knowing the kingdom of God? Since it is a kingdom, it has a king, right? Who is the king? Let's read the teaching of Apostle John who was given the mystery by Christ:

"Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever." (Rev.11:15 NKJV)

The king is God and Christ. Are there two kings? No. God and Christ binded by the Holy Spirit are one. This is the mystery that Felix and Erano do not know. If God and Christ binded by the Holy Spirit are one God, so are people believers of Christ and Jesus Christ binded by the Holy Spirit are one Christ. So, which is the kingdom of God? The kingdom of God is in Jesus Christ. How can you be in Jesus Christ? You can be in Jesus Christ if you are called by God (Rom.9:15). After you are called by God, God gives you to Christ (Jn.6:44). After you are given to Christ, is there a chance that you will lose your salvation? No more! A calling by God is irrevocable (Rom.11:29). Furthermore, Christ and His Father will protect you (Jn.10:28-29).

What about Manalo's calling? Are Iglesia members called by Manalo secure of their salvation? No! Their salvation can be held back by Manalo for any missteps in violating the man made laws of Manalo.

Examples of Iglesia members losing their salvation:

1. Being absent in one worship? Uh oh, salvation is lost. Manalo says it's a serious sin punishable by death in the lake of fire. There is no more sacrifice for such sin;
2. Did not give thanksgiving monies? Oh my, salvation is lost. Manalo says, anyone who forgets to give thanksgivings will be killed by God;
3. Did not bear convert fruits, money fruits, and Iglesia work fruits? Uh oh, salvation is lost. Manalo says you will be chopped from the vine, you will become dry, you will be gathered for throwing into the eternal fire.

12. "Q. What is God's promise in our worship services?

A. He will be with us in our gatherings...Mt.18:20:

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." -Mt.18:20 NKJV

Deceptions of Manalo in using Matthew 18:10 -

The number required to attend is two or three. How come Manalo wants to round up all others who did not attend? Why does he do this? The reason is simple. His gathering is another gathering not sanctioned by Christ. What gathering is approved by Jesus according to the verse? It is a gathering in the name of Jesus Christ. It is never a gathering in the name of Church of Christ of FYM.

Do you think Christ will be present in an Iglesia gathering whose members are always sinning and worshipping an idol set up by a man? Do you think Christ will be a guest to a cult whose members trample Jesus underfoot by giving preeminence to their Church of Christ idol rather than Christ? Do you think Christ will visit a cult who has demoted and rejected Him? No way! Then Jesus Christ is not their visitor. Who do you think will be their guest who is very very happy to visit them?

13. "Q. How can Christ be with us in our worship services?

A. By means of the Spirit...Gal.4:6:

"And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father!" -Gal.4:6 NKJV

Deceptions by Manalo in using Gal.4:6 -

According to the verse, Christ's Spirit will be only with God's sons or God's children. What about the Iglesia ni Cristo members? Whose children are they? Since they don't believe Jesus Christ, they are therefore not true children of God are they? The Holy Scriptures teaching is very clear on this. Let's read:

"But as many as received Him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." -Jn.1:12 NKJV

Is it not clear in this verse that the children of God are those who receive Jesus Christ and believe Him? If we contrast the Iglesia ni Cristo faith, it is different. What is the Iglesia ni Cristo's unique faith? It is this:

"I believe Felix Y. Manalo and accept the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ as my personal savior."

Because of their unique faith, Iglesia members are not children of God but children of the devil. It is the devil who gave them their faith. This is the sad and unfortunate truth but it must be said.

14. "Q. What is the value of the Spirit's dwelling in us?

A. This strengthens our spiritual life and we will be firm in our love....Eph.3:16-18 TEV:

"I ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power thru his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves, and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love.: -Eph.3:16-18 TEV.

FYM Note: Emphasize: Great blessings will be received from God by those who attend worship services because they receive the Spirit who strengthens their spiritual life and confirms them in their love."

Deceptions by Manalo in using Eph.3:16-18 -

The verse pertains to God's people. Manalo has commandeered the verses so that he can use it for his creation, the INC. True children of God according to the verse, have roots and foundation in love. What about the Iglesia members? Do they have foundation in love? No! Can there be love of God if you must love God under the barrel of a gun? No. That kind of love is a fictitious love or presumptuous love. It is never a true love. True love is not a compulsory but voluntary by one's own free will choice.

Those who worship in vain, the subject of the worship is not glorified. Since INC members actually worship the man made church of the Iglesia ni Cristo instead of the one true God Jesus Christ they are worshipping in vain.

All the rules, laws and regulations that the Manalos have created do nothing for the worship of God but insult God and his house of worship.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 27

Lesson 19 – Our Voluntary Contributions - Part 1

By C.R. – April 28, 2003

Q. What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 19 and what are its fallacies?

A. The following is the Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 19:

"LESSON NO.19 - OUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Theme: It is God's command that we give contributions and Thanksgiving offerings.

Summary: The Church of Christ believes that it is God who gave the command to contribute and give thanksgiving offerings to support the needs of the Church. To fulfill these obligations is to lay up a good foundation for the attainment of eternal life."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.75)

The fallacies of this Gospel of Manalo Doctrine #19:

FYM and his Administrator son Erano are liars. God did not command his people to support the needs of the Church of Christ of Felix Manalo. Erano and his father also lied that the offerings and thanksgivings in the Iglesia ni Cristo are voluntary. They are never voluntary. EGM had established strict rules and procedures to compel members to make the offerings and money thanksgivings. We will highlight these procedures later. It is true that there were contributions done by the early Christians, but, they were contributions to help God's people. The following two commands of God are clearly people based:

1) Love your neighbor as yourself (Mt.5:43)

It is a command of God to love your neighbor. Who is the neighbor? Do you think the neighbor is the Iglesia ni Cristo chapel? No! Even if it were, Manalo will only pocket your monies. Why? The Iglesia ni Cristo is not in the business of helping poor people not like the Catholics and Protestant churches. The proof of this is that Erano continues to declare that the INC is not for social welfare. It does not dole out monies to help the poor. Technically, the INC is doing the reverse--taking monies from its poor members. The Iglesia ni Cristo is a false church that does not exempt poor INC brethren from giving offerings and thanksgivings. Manalo is cunning as the devil in using the poor widow as a ruse in order to get monies from its poor members. Let's read the verse that EGM is using:

"And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had." (Lk.21:1-2 NKJV)

After reading this verse, Manalo will gloat, "You see, you see, the poor widow had given offerings; so therefore, you poor members must give, too!" Get out, wise guy! Reread the verse. Who are the ones who gave the offerings besides the poor widow? That's right, the RICH! The rich are the ones who gave to the treasury. Why are we sure that it is the rich who are required to give? Let's read:

"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, read to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." (1 Tim.6:17-19 NKJV)

Who are commanded to give? The RICH! How can the rich lay hold on eternal life? If they do good, be rich in good works, and willing to share.

What about those not rich and not poor? What are they supposed to do? As we have known before, each part of the body or each member has not the same function. There is no body that is composed of only one part. Never. Have you seen a body that has a body of all eyes, or body of all ears, or all mouths? No! If there is, such body is a freak of nature or a monster.

But if those not rich or not poor wanted to give, they have the prerogative to give. Supposing there is a scammer from the gutter who commands you, "Hey you, everyone poor or not, you must give offerings and thanksgivings or else you will not be saved!" What kind of gospel is this man from the gutter spreading? That's right, he is bringing the Gospel of Manalo. It is not the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Who are the neighbors whom you must love? Every one around you. But, how do you love your neighbor? If you will ask the false messenger Felix Y. Manalo, he will tell you, "You must love them by inviting them to the Iglesia bible expositions so that they, too, will become Iglesia members." This is false and unbiblical. Loving your neighbor is helping them in their dire needs (2 Cpr.9:10-15).

2. Love the brotherhood (1 Pet.2:17)

It is the command of God to love your brother or sister, both in blood and in faith (2 Cor.9:13;Gal.6:10). How shall we love the brotherhood? If you will ask the Erano G. Manalo, he will tell you, "Love the brotherhood by making sure that your brother or sister will not be absent from the Iglesia ni Cristo worship service!" This perverted love of the brotherhood is basically commissioning all Iglesia members to become secondary guards (primary guards are the deacons and deaconesses) of all INC members to prevent them from escaping the group. The true context of loving the brotherhood is helping them in their basic (food, clothing, shelter) needs (Js.2:15-16) and not keeping them in house arrest.

Therefore, from the foregoing, it is clear that the collections and contributions done by the early Christians were to help the poor. Neither is it to get monies from the poor nor to help an organization that does not help the poor. Felix and son would have certainly failed the following test as well.

"Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."" Matthew 19:21

Felix and son would have been found crying and wallowing on the ground saying "No Lord No, we cannot give away our millions of dollars noooooooooo" The only gift the Manalo's have given to the poor is a false faith in a false religion while taking all their monies.

Acts 24:17

"After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings.

Procedures and Techniques of Manalo in making offerings and thanksgivings compulsory:

1. Thursday worship offerings - The collectors are the deacons for males and deaconesses for females. The deacons and deaconesses comb the congregation aisles with opened pouches stopping at each and every seated member so that each member will drop his/her money offerings. This procedure allows no escapees and shame for those who don't give. The act of dropping is witnessed by your left and right seated neighbors. This procedure of giving monies violates Christ's command not to make contributions be seen (Mt.6:1). Although the procedure is prohibited by Christ, why does Erano enforce it? Because he wants to make it compulsory. Erano knows that a member will be ashamed of not dropping his/her offerings because prying eyes are looking. Moreover, Manalo teaches those who won't give offerings are robbers. Who would refuse to drop offerings and become labeled as a "robber"? Nobody! Therefore, the display of the act of giving is designed to compel each and every member to give the offerings.

Are offerings required in worship services?

If you will ask the father and son, Felix and Erano, they will categorically say "Yes!". What about if we will ask the Apostles? Let's read the teaching of the Apostles:

"How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, and has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification." (1 Cor.14:26 NKJV)

Based on the verse, was offering required? Was the word "offering" or "offerings" ever mentioned? No! Therefore, there was no required offerings done by the early Christians. Why is it so? What is the reason? It is because the offering was already done by our Lord Jesus Christ in the cross. Let's read this:

"By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
(Heb.10:10 NKJV)

The required offerings have already been done for us by the Lord Jesus Christ. If there is a man who requires you to give offerings that man is a scam artist. What if that scam artist uses a concealed weapon to scare you to surrender your monies? In such case, the offense becomes a robbery! As we have known already, Erano's concealed weapons are the verses of the Bible being used out of context (Ps.50:22, Mal.3:8, Acts 5:1-10).

2. Wednesday worship offerings - How come there is a Wednesday worship? The Manalo business owner always gives remedies for causes of money losses. There are Iglesia members who in one way or another could not attend the Thursday worships due to work conflicts or other reasons. If you are in business, as a savvy store owner what would you do to increase income knowing that two days a week of business is not generating enough income? That's right, you have to increase the number of days you will open your business. This is precisely what Erano does. He added the Wednesday worship for the excused Thursday worshippers. What about those excused Sunday worshippers? Erano licked them good, too. Erano commanded them to attend the Saturday worships in lieu of the Sunday. What about making the full seven days a week worships? This superb idea is not far fetch considering EGM's greed for money and considering EGM's faithfulness to the IR Law (Iglesia law of increasing the responsibilities of members). The members might not know it but EGM is already testing enforcement of the 7 days a week worship service via the 7 days devotional prayers at the chapels wherein members are required to go nightly to the chapel for seven consecutive nights to do prayers. Attendances to these devotional prayers are checked. There are brief sermons being said. What is lacking is the collection of offerings.

3. Sunday worship offerings - The same procedures of offering collections done in the Thursday worships is being done in the Sunday worships. A member is always watched as to whether he or she is a robber of God. To Manalo, a robber is one who forgets to give offerings to his company.

4. Youth worship offerings - No one is exempted from worshipping the Iglesia ni Cristo idol. Babies, toddlers, and children must worship the idol too. Why are they required to worship the idol despite that they have immature minds? Two reasons. One reason is greed for money. Another reason is to train the children from childhood so they will not forget to give offerings to the Iglesia idol when they grow old, this is classic cult indoctrination techniques.

Where do these infants and children get their monies to offer to the Iglesia idol? They get their monies from their parents. This is worse than double taxation of parents. Imagine a parent having one dozen children. Erano will benefit twelve times from that parent. This is another reason why the Iglesia cult does not enforce population control. The more babies the more monies to be collected, mo money mo money.

But there is another surprise. Erano has another sideline income from such babies and infants. How? He requires the babies and infants to be offered by their parents in the worship service. What does this mean? The parents are required to give loose big bills of money to the officiating minister. This money in turn will be channeled to the minister's thanksgiving deposits and ends up in Manalo's pocket.

The significance of offering babies in the Iglesia ni Cristo unbiblical organization -

What does the offering of babies in the Iglesia ni Cristo signify? The conduct of offering practiced by the Israelites is killing what is to be offered. When the Israelites offer bulls what do they do to the bulls? That's right, they will have to kill the bulls to become burnt offerings. When God commanded Abraham to offer his son Isaac, what was Abraham's understanding? He understood that he will have to kill his son Isaac and burn the corpse as a burnt offering. Therefore, offering of babies in the Iglesia ni Cristo signifies killing of the babies. The babies are killed constructively because henceforth, such babies become Iglesia ni Cristo converts and money sources. They are from henceforth prohibited from leaving the cult and prohibited from being absent from the Iglesia worship services.

They are chained and bolted to the INC business with no more escaping. They are said to be dead and killed by the Iglesia ni Cristo minister officiating the offering of the babies. Human sacrifices performed by the Iglesia ni Cristo are a reintroduction of the human sacrifices performed by the Israelites which brought the wrath from the Lord. Let's read this:

"They served their idols,
Which became a snare to them.
They even sacrificed their sons
And their daughters to demons,
And shed innocent blood.
The blood of their sons and daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;
And the land was polluted with blood." (Ps.106:36-38 NKJV)

How does the Iglesia ni Cristo shed the blood of the infants and children being offered or sacrificed in the Iglesia chapels? The minister prays that the child be registered in the book of life of the devil. This is constructive shedding of blood or killing because henceforth, the life, body, and soul of the infant is owned by the devil. Why devil? The god of the Iglesia ni Cristo is the devil who has deceived them. Let's remember that the magnificent obsession of the devil is to take the seat of God and to be served (Is.14:12-14). What's the difference between God and the devil? God does not want to be served but to be loved (Dt.6:5). What about the devil? That's right, he wants to be served and worshipped (Lk.4:5-7). Is the devil's skin present in the Iglesia ni Cristo? You bet. It has worship SERVICE. It has GEM and bible exposition SERVICE. It has members SERVING the Iglesia ni Cristo without any compensation. Therefore, who is their true god who is very much thrilled in having people serving him? The devil.

4. Locality offerings - This offering is given weekly every Sunday through a box placed before the assembly door. This offering ostensibly is for paying the local congregation expenses such as utilities, telephone, supplies, etc. But this is not so. This offering is another pocket of EGM. It is the money of EGM. Why? Before the money is spent, petition is required to EGM for his approval. What a CEO he is.

How does EGM make sure that every member gives to this offering? All members are required to use a 5x7 envelope in order to write the giver's name, amount, and district number. This information serves as a basis for preparing the list of givers that is given to EGM. Who are the escapees? Those whose names are missing are the escapees. These escapees' names are given to their assigned guards (deacon and deaconess) to remind them of their obligations in the weekly committee prayer group gatherings. These culprit brethren who have drawn back from their obligations are admonished that God has no pleasure in them. This implies that at any time God will punish or kill them.

During the early Iglesia years (1914-1950's) this obligation was done once a month. Later, it became twice a month. What do think happened thereafter? That's right, it is now a weekly offering in accordance with the Iglesia's IR Law.

The New Iglesia HMSC Law -

There is now a new Iglesia ni Cristo law (promulgated latterly in 2002). What is this new Iglesia law? It is called Law of Hiding the Many Splendor Collections (HMSC Law). This law teaches that the many splendor collections or offerings divided into many names are to be hidden from non Iglesia's prying eyes. The theme of this law is: "Erano's monies are for Iglesia members' eyes only." In conformance to this law, members must not use the name "EGM Fund" or "Local Fund" printed on the envelopes previously cannot be used anymore. No such fund names should appear from henceforth. Members can use two envelopes for these offerings. It does not matter whether the member giver's name appear twice on the list of givers because such list is for members' eyes only.

5. District worship offerings - How did this offerings come about? Erano being a cheap executive minister does not want to spend monies for his district ministers. Erano is always thinking of increasing collections while at the same time thinking of decreasing expenses in order to pocket more monies. What is his solution? That's right, he wants members to shoulder the district expense as well. His method is superb. He dipped his hands into the locality offerings contributed weekly by members.

Henceforth, one of the four or five locality offerings in a month is taken out as district offerings. If there are four or five Sundays in a month, one of them becomes offering for the district to pay district ministers and their expenses. It's up to the minister to bash the members so they can cough up more monies to pay their local's utilities. In a religion so focused on money, it's easy to see how God's truth is lost.

6. Year End Thanksgiving offerings -

This is the classic December thanksgiving offerings required of all members. Everyone is required to deposit monies weekly on Sundays from the first week of January through the second week of December. According to Manalo, members who do not deposit are guilty of forgetting God. Forgetting God according to Manalo has the consequence of risk that at any moment they will be destroyed or killed by God. Manalo has assigned tellers in a section of their chapel buildings to collect their deposits. Deposit booklets are used to record manually the weekly deposits. This deposit booklet will be turned in on December after the last deposit in order to get the certificate. This certificate together with supplementary cash and money orders constitute the member's December thanksgiving. This certificate gives the impression the member is still in possession of their monies when in truth their monies were long gone and taken by Manalo at the time of deposit. Therefore, what are their actual thanksgivings in December? The supplementary cash and money orders are their actual thanksgivings. Manalo just throws the certificates into his garbage can.

7. Anniversary Thanksgiving offerings - Formerly, there was only once a year thanksgiving obligation. Erano, who is faithful in obeying the IR Law, had increased the thanksgiving obligation from annual to semi annual. It is now done in December and in July. The one given in December is the Year End Thanksgiving while the one given in July is the Anniversary Thanksgiving. As in the Year End Thanksgiving, EGM gets a list of the givers and knows what amounts the members are giving. Erano will not sleep at night of the thanksgiving day waiting for the total monies he will be getting and to know which minister will be punished or rewarded. The Anniversary Thanksgiving at present does not require weekly depositing. In a not so distant future, EGM may pronounce the following Church Administration commandment:

"Dear Brethren:

Starting immediately, the Church Administration instructs all brethren that all your weekly deposits from the first Sunday of January through the third Sunday of July, will become your Anniversary Thanksgivings to be offered in the Anniversary worship service in July. Your deposits from the first Sunday of August through the second Sunday of December will become your Year End Thanksgiving to be offered in the December Thanksgiving worship service. God wants us to abound always in our thanksgiving offerings whether in the Anniversary of our Church or in the End of Year thanksgivings. The Apostle Paul exhorts us: "Let all things be done decently and in order." (1 Cor.14:40).

Please be guided accordingly.

Your brother in Christ,

Erano G. Manalo,
Executive Minister"

What will this Manalo trick do? The effect of the change is a boon to Manalo and a devastating money loss to members. Member's year end thanksgivings will dramatically decrease while member's anniversary thanksgiving will gigantically increase as Erano wants them to be. The effect will be that members' anniversary thanksgiving will start from a high end. It could no longer be decreased from henceforth because members are stopped by the drawing back doctrine. According to the Manalo's drawing back doctrine, you cannot retreat, retrogress, decrease, withdraw, or go back from what you have been doing or done already. The consequence of drawing back according to Manalo is God will not have pleasure in you.

What about the effect of the change in the year end thanksgiving starting at a very low end? Manalo has created a very big gap in which members must recover. Members must lay up and deposit more monies to even the decrease created by Manalo. The members are now covered by Manalo's abounding doctrine.

According to the abounding doctrine, thanksgivings must increase yearly. Not only a simple increase but it's an increase over the increase from previous year.

To illustrate:

Thanksgivings of INC member Feljun Fuentes:

Dec 2001....\$1,000.00 July 2001....\$500.00
Dec 2002....\$1,500.00 July 2002....\$750.00
Dec 2003....\$1,500.00 July 2003....\$850.00

Thanksgivings of INC member Rommel V. San Pedro:

Dec 2001....\$3,000.00 July 2001....\$100.00
Dec 2002....\$2,000.00 July 2002....\$ 50.00
Dec 2003....\$1,000.00 July 2003....\$ 5.00

Analysis of Feljun and Rommel's thanksgivings:

On Feljun's, his obligation for his Dec 2003 thanksgiving should increase over his last year. Since he offered the same amount, there was no increase. Therefore, he fell short of the simple increase doctrine. In his July thanksgivings, although he increased \$100.00 from his 2002 thanksgiving, he fell short of the abounding doctrine (compound increase) which is increase over the increase in 2002 from 2001. In 2002, his increase was \$250.00 (\$750.00 - \$500.00). Therefore, he is required to have no less than \$250.00 increase for 2003. Feljun did not comply with the Iglesia abounding thanksgiving doctrine because he had only \$100.00 increase.

On Rommel's, his December and July thanksgivings will incur the wrath of EGM. He violated the drawing back and abounding doctrines. Not only that he did not increase his thanksgivings, he had also drawn back from his responsibilities of annual increases. Instead of increasing, he has decreased instead. The decreases are so deplorable and will surely invite the wrath of the Executive Minister or Iglesia Money Administrator. Since Rommel is an Iglesia minister, bad boy Rommel is eligible to be thrown into the Abu Sayyaf lairs in Basilan, Southern Philippines, to fend off against the kidnapper gang of Al Qaeda.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 28

Lesson 19 – Our Voluntary Contributions - Part 2

By C.R. – May 2, 2003

Q. What are the other deceptions of Manalo incorporated in his Doctrine Lesson No. 19?

A. The following are the other deceptions of Manalo in questions and answers format:

1. "Q. What is the basis of our giving of contributions?

A. God commands that we should not forget...Heb.13:15-16 RSV

15. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

16. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Heb.13:15-16 RSV)

Note: The command to give contributions is written in the Bible and not a man-made commandment preached by the ministers of the Church of Christ. If this is done by His servants, God will be truly pleased." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), p. 76)

Manalo's Deceptions in Using Heb.13:15-16 -

Manalo has joined the two independent verses. The two verses speak of two different matters. Verse 15 is about spiritual offerings. There are two kinds of offerings: material and spiritual. Material offerings (money, precious metals, animals, and crops) were done away with already because Jesus Christ had offered His body once for all (Heb.10:10). Christ's offering of His body terminates the repeated material offerings. Therefore, the offering that is still in force is the spiritual offering. According to Verse 15, there is no money needed in spiritual offerings because what is required is only the use of our lips to praise and thank God.

What about Verse 16? This verse is about doing good and sharing what you have. This verse is in conformance with the two commands of loving your neighbor and loving the brotherhood.

How do FYM and EGM openly pervert Verse 15? Both father and son pervert it by enforcing an offering with monies while converting the lip thanksgiving into money thanksgiving.

How do FYM and EGM openly pervert Verse 16? Both father and son pervert it by making extreme interpretations of the doing good and the sharing commands.

INC's Extreme Interpretation of the Act of Doing Good -

1. Do not be absent from the Thursday and Sunday worships;
2. Make sure that members of your household are always present in the worship services;
3. Attend all the activities of the Iglesia ni Cristo such as the organizational meetings, indoctrinations, bible expositions, & GEM;
4. Attend the weekly committee prayer meetings of your group so that you will hear the instructions from the Church Administration;
5. Attend your group family prayers to listen to the family messages from the central administration;
6. Renew your life weekly

INC's Extreme Interpretations of the Act of Sharing -

1. Sharing your physical body (especially females) to Felix/Erano because according to FYM, this act of sharing is pleasing to the Lord (Read the expose of Rosita Trillanes in Part 17 of the series). Felix Manalo has the conviction that messengers of God such as himself and Solomon, deserve to have many wives and concubines;
2. Sharing your monies to the Church of Christ through complete participation in the worship offerings, locality offerings, district offerings, thanksgiving deposits, God's Message subscriptions, and others;
3. Sharing your Iglesia ni Cristo faith to non members by inviting people to the weekly bible expositions.

The True Context of Doing Good -

What are acts considered as good? For Manalo, doing good is doing all the Iglesia doctrines specified in the Gospel of Manalo. But, what about according to the Bible? Let's read:

"that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Col.1:10 NKJV)

The verse says, "fruitful in every good work," therefore, the good to be done are the fruits of good work. Which are these? Are these the mandated Iglesia works? No! Let's read what these are:

"Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." (2 Tim.2:21-22 NKJV)

Now, we know that the good work is not the good works dictated by Manalo. The good works are the fruits of righteousness or fruit of the Spirit which are pursuing righteousness, faithfulness, love, peace, and purity of heart. Elaborated further to the Galatians, fruit of the Spirit also includes, joy, long suffering, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal.5:22-23 NKJV)

The True Context of Sharing -

What do you have that you can share? To Erano, the word "share" has three faces. One face is sharing your female body. Another face is sharing your monies to the Iglesia ni Cristo. The third face is sharing your Iglesia ni Cristo faith. What about according to the Apostles? Let's read their teaching:

"Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived. God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit in order to reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Gal.6:6-10 NKJV)

According to the verse, the things to be shared are GOOD THINGS. To whom shall we share the good things? The verse says, "TO ALL, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH." The verse never said "share to just the Iglesia ni Cristo." Which are these good things to be shared? It goes back to the doing the fruit of the Spirit which is also sowing to the Spirit in order to reap everlasting life. Supposing what you shared or what you sow are fruits of the flesh? The fruit of the flesh are those enumerated in Gal.5:19-21. What will happen if you share or sow the fruit of the flesh is that you will reap corruption. We already found in past exposes that Manalo and son have been sowing and sharing fruits of the flesh, such as idolatry, uncleanness, sorcery, heresies, and the like. Father and son are therefore barred from entering the kingdom of God. Guess what will happen to their followers if they do not repent?

2. "Q. Whom does God command to give contributions and how should this be done?

A. Each one gives as his heart so desires...II Cor.9:7:

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor.9:7 NKJV)

Conclusion: It is the duty of every member of the Church of Christ to give contributions. We should do this wholeheartedly and with gladness knowing that this truly pleases God."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), p. 76)

Deceptions by Manalo in using 22 Cor.9:7 -

The verse is not a command to give but a command not to block anyone who wanted to give. What does the sentence, "So let each one give," mean? Supposing you are in the gym and you heard somebody say, "So let each one play basketball!" Does that mean everyone is commanded to play basketball? No! It means somebody is blocking them to play basketball! The same is true with the verse. There is no command that each one give although there is a command not to block anyone if they want to give.

There is freedom to give or not to give. As we have studied previously, those who are commanded to give are the rich. Did we not touch on this matter before that each part of the body has not the same function? Each part of the body has different function or duty or gift. The rich have the duty and function to give (Rom.12:6).

Based on 2 Cor. 9:7, are babies, infants, toddlers, and children, required to give? First of all, these young ones don't have the capacity to want to give. Besides, can these young ones be able to purpose in their hearts to give offerings? Do you think a one month infant will say to his father, "Daddaa, I wanna give Papa Erano five pesos!" No, of course not. Therefore, Erano has been fooling the parent Iglesia members.

Other God's Requirements -

According to the verse, those who wanted to give who are not blocked from giving have other requirements to meet. Which are these? They must give not grudgingly or of necessity. What is giving grudgingly? It is a giving with a grudge, reluctance, and resentment. What about the necessity requirement? If you will ask Felix & Erano they will remind you of Iglesia ni Cristo's necessities. As you can see, father and son are greedy for money. The Corinthian verse is not talking about the receiver but the giver. The verse says, "God loves a cheerful GIVER." Therefore, it is not Manalo's necessities but the necessities of the giver. Supposing the giver is sick and in the hospital, shall he give first to the necessities of the Church of Christ of Manalo? If he gives all his monies to Manalo because Manalo says the Church of Christ has lots of construction projects, what about his hospital bills?

3. "Q. How should we regard our act of giving contributions? Should we liken this to the act of giving alms to beggars?

A. This is an obligation....Gal.6:5

"For each one shall bear his own load." (Gal.6:5 NKJV)"

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo, p. 76)

Manalo's Deceptions of Gal.6:5 -

Did the verse mention any word "contribution" or "offering"? No! Then absolutely, this Manalo indoctrinator is an agent of evil doing his usual job of deceptions. Manalo is making a supposedly voluntary contribution into involuntary. If you have titled your Lesson No.19 as "Voluntary Contribution" and later on you teach it is a required obligation, what are you doing? That's right, you are a liar and a deceiver. Manalo does not even want coins or change because he says giving to the Church of Christ is not an act of giving alms to beggars. Manalo has the nerve to select the type and amount you give.

The "Load" to bear -

Why did the verse say, "each one shall bear his own load"? What is this load about? Is this a money contribution load? No! Verse 5 is the concluding verse to the paragraph that starts on Verse 1 of the chapter about those overtaken by trespasses. According to the verse it is incumbent upon those who are spiritual to restore such trespassers via doing the fruit of the Spirit of gentleness. It is Christ's law to bear one another's burden. Which burden? It is the burden of examining one's own work, that is, your work must be examined by your own self if such work is of the flesh or not. But there are times when though in the flesh you examine yourself as not, thereby deceiving yourself. That is the point in time when others will bear that trespasser's load of self examination by helping him to examine himself that he/she is in the flesh and advising such trespasser with gentleness to depart from such acts of the flesh. In this manner, such trespasser will be saved from the fire (Jude 1:23).

So, is it an obligation to give contributions? No! What we are obligated to do is to help the trespasser carry his own load of self examination. Twister Manalo would like to pass up the load of self examination as contribution load. Twisters always pervert the Holy Scriptures.

4. "Q. What is the proof showing that the giving of contributions is one of our obligations?

A. Those who are taught in the Word should share with him that teaches...Gal.6:6 RSV

"Let him who is taught in the Word should share with him that teaches." (Gal.6:6 RSV)

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo, p. 76)

Manalo's Deceptions in using Galatians 6:6 -

Which are the good things shared by a student to his teacher? Is it monies? Do students usually share monies to their teacher? No! The good things to be shared are the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Gal.5:22-23. Therefore, the verse is speaking that the fruit of Spirit must also be done to anyone above you. Sharing the fruit of the Spirit is not only applicable to those under you. If your boss had given you the kindness of a \$1,000 bonus, what are you supposed to do? Not only will you say "Thank You" but also you will also do or share the fruit of the Spirit of kindness to your boss. If you do personal matters during your employer's hours, that will be unkind to your boss.

What about if Erano says the students must pay their teachers? Okay, let's pay the minister who did the indoctrination, but how come the money ends up in Erano's pocket? What about if Erano says, "I must get paid because I am the teacher!" Then Erano will get sorry for exacting his pay. Why? He has exhibited his true skin of being a false teacher. A true teacher of the gospel preaches free of charge (2Cor.11:7). A true teacher burdens no one (2 Cor.11:9). Apostle Paul considers himself the robber if monies were given to him by the Christians (2 Cor.11:8). In contrast, Erano, the false teacher, considers those not giving contributions as the robbers. Apostle Paul has to work his hands in order to support himself (1 Thess.2:9).

Working for a livelihood is required by God (1Thess.4:11-12) What about Erano, does he have a private job to support himself? No! Therefore, Erano is walking improperly. The Apostles brands those not having jobs as conduct of idleness and disorderly and urged everyone to withdraw from such person (2 Thess.3:6-7). Further, those who don't work must not eat (2 Thess. 3:10). What about if Erano says, "I have a work or job! I work as the Executive Minister of the Iglesia ni Cristo!" Oh yeah, working as Executive Minister, doing what? "Preparing lessons for the Thursday and Sunday worships!" That's right, preparing lessons of deceptions and commandeering the words of God for his own profit. And getting paid as a false teacher and burdening the members the way false prophets and deceitful workers do (2Cor.11:9-14).

Erano may have a job, but his job is doing iniquity. Are workers of iniquity allowed to enter heaven? Let's read:

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open for us, and He will answer and say to you, I do not know you where you come from, then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets. But He will say, I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'" (Lk.13:25-27 NKJV)

Erano, together with his father, being workers of iniquity will be driven out. What is one example of the works of iniquity that father and son have done? According to the verse, those who want to be saved must enter the narrow gate or door. The door is the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn.10:9). Therefore, everyone should enter Jesus Christ. What did the father and son do? They replaced entering Jesus Christ with entering their Church of Christ! Is this not work of iniquity? As a result of this work of iniquity, Iglesia members will not be saved for entering the wrong door. What else is another work of iniquity done by the father and son? Christ said in the verse, "I do not know you where you come from..." The father and son may be arguing with Christ they are from far east Philippines. They think they can deceive Jesus Christ by changing the written "far east" with Far East. Of course Christ knows that the common noun "far east" (of Palestine) is no other than Persia or Iran. It is never the Philippines. Naturally, Christ will say, "I do not know you where you come from..." What else is the argument of the father and son? Father and son claims Christ taught in their streets. Which are the Iglesia ni Cristo streets? The Iglesia street is the path being walked on by all Iglesia members. Which is this? It is the Gospel of Manalo. Is the street of the Iglesia ni Cristo the same as the street of Jesus Christ? No. The street of Jesus Christ is the Gospel of Christ (Rom.1:16).

5. "Q. How can we share with or help in teaching the Gospel?

A. By means of contributions....ii Cor.9:12 RSV

"for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God. Under the test of this service, you will glorify God by your obedience in acknowledging the gospel of Christ, and by the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others." (2 Cor.9:12 RSV)

Explain: Giving contributions is an obligation or responsibility. To fail to do it is to commit a sin."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo, p.76)

Manalo's Deceptions in using the Corinthian verse -

Manalo wants to convert the "rendering of this service" as "spreading the gospel". It is not. The service that the verse is speaking concerns the service of bringing relief to stricken brethren in Judea. The verse says "and by the generosity of your contributions FOR THEM and FOR ALL OTHERS." These are the saints in Jerusalem or Judea (1 Cor.16:1,3). Why were there collections done by the Gentile brethren? The reason was to help the Judeans in Jerusalem who were suffering from a calamity, a famine, at the time. Let's read this:

"Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul." (Acts 11:28-30 NKJV)

Therefore, the contributions, gifts, and collections, done by the Gentiles in Corinth, Thessalonica, Philippi, Galatia, and others, were warranted because there was a famine in Judea and the Jewish brethren there needed help. The relief was carried by the elders of the Gentile brethren, Barnabas and Saul (Apostle Paul). Apostle Paul has made this clear in his letter to the Corinthians, thus:

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week, let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem. But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me." (1 Cor.16:1-3 NKJV)

Based on this citation, what is the collection about mentioned in the Corinthian letters? It is the collections for the SAINTS in Jerusalem who need help because of the famine. Was the laying up of monies without an end? There is an end. The end is when Apostle Paul returns to pick up the collections to be carried to Jerusalem. If the collections will not stop, there will be non stop travel by Apostle Paul to Corinth. Travel from Southern Greece to Jerusalem via the Mediterranean Sea is not easy during that time. Felix and Erano have converted the laying up of monies for relief to stricken brethren as non stop deposits for Iglesia thanksgiving. What conversion work is this? That's right, it is work of iniquity. Regarding the note of Manalo that it is a sin to fail to contribute, that is a lie. Giving of contribution is voluntary.

6. "Q. How should we prepare our contributions?

A. Set aside an amount according to the blessings received...1 Cor.16:2 TEV:

"Every Sunday each of you must put aside some money, in proportion to what he has earned, and save it up, so that there will be no need to collect money when I come." (1 Cor.16:2 TEV)

Instruction: We should prepare beforehand our contributions. We should set aside a certain portion of our income for this. We should not give leftovers but set aside our contributions in the same manner we set aside for our needs. Considering the fact that this is for God, we should consider it more important than the rest of our needs." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo,p.76)

Manalo's Deceptions -

Manalo resorts again to his iniquity work of bible twisting. He just used the RSV, now he is using the TEV for easy perversion. Erano has used the TEV because the phrase "Every Sunday," can be easily twisted as if there is no end. As we know already, the relief collection has an end when Apostle Paul comes.

If you will notice, Felix, the fiend, has used the relief collection verse as his authority for depositing to the December thanksgiving.

7. "Q. Why should we prepare beforehand or set aside the amount for our contributions?

A. To make it voluntary and not forced--hence the term contribution...II Cor.9:5:

"Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation." (II Cor.9:5 NKJV)

Manalo's Deception -

The master deceiver now says the contribution is voluntary. He keeps changing from voluntary to involuntary to voluntary once again. The verse says, the Corinthians were the ones who promised. Therefore, there was not exaction the way Manalo exacts thanksgiving from members. The verse also requires generosity, i.e., the amount is based on the generous hearts of the givers.

8. "Q. What are the uses of the contributions given by members of Church of Christ?

A. For the propagation of the Gospel and for the needs of the saints....II Cor.9:12-13

"for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God. Under the test of this service, you will glorify God by your obedience in acknowledging the gospel of Christ, and by the generosity of your contribution for them and for others." - 2 Cor.9:12-13 RSV

Manalo's Reiteration of the Lie -

As pointed previously, the phrase, "rendering of this service" is not propagation of gospel but the service of bringing relief to the Judeans stricken by famine. But to be on the safe side, Manalo had also included the true purpose of the collections which is the helping of the Judean saints.

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9. "Q. What else are our contributions used for?

A. Construction of houses of worships...Hag.1:8 -

"Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the Lord." -Hag.1:8 NKJV

Conclusion: The contributor is the first beneficiary of his contribution. By means of his contributions, worship services are held, the message of God is delivered, and worship of God is done in well-constructed houses of worship." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...p.77)

Manalo's Deceptions in using Hag.1:8 -

Did the Prophet Haggai command to contribute money to build the temple? Re-read the verse because Erano is once again performing his work of iniquity. The command is to go up the mountains and bring wood. Prophet Haggai wanted the Israelites to save their monies because woods from the mountains are free. What did they bring to the mountains in order to bring down the woods? Is it money or cutting tools?

Command to Build Temples No Longer Relevant Today -

The command to build temples is no longer relevant today. Why? The temple of God are now His people (1 Cor.3:16-17). It started when Christ established the new worship in spirit and in truth (Jn.4:23). This worship in spirit and in truth replaced the worship in the Jerusalem Temple and at Mount Sinai. Henceforth, worship of God is done spiritually by doing the fruit of the Spirit. You can worship God now anywhere you present your body as a living sacrifice in doing the fruit of the Spirit. By so doing, you are also worshipping God in truth because you are worshipping the true God not the false god. If you do goodness, what is reflected of you? That's right, you reflect the true God because God is good. If you do unrighteousness, whom do you reflect? That's right; you reflect and represent the false idol god, the devil.

Other Lies of Manalo -

Manalo says the contributor is the first beneficiary of his contribution. Why is this a lie? Who is the true beneficiary of the chapel buildings used in the Iglesia worships? All Iglesia properties are owned by the Iglesia ni Cristo sole corporation. Who is the owner of the Iglesia corporation? It is Erano G. Manalo and his heirs, nobody else. What about the Iglesia members? They are actually renters of the Iglesia chapels. They pay rents twice a week but Manalo tricked them into paying offerings in lieu of rents. What is another Manalo lie? It is the lie that through members' contributions, worship services are held. Who established the Iglesia idol worship? For sure, it is not God because God is against idol worship. When Manalo sells his chapels, do any Iglesia members share in the proceeds? No. If you ran after Manalo, he will tell you "Are you the registered owner of the property? Therefore, scram, get lost, get out, all of you who are ignorant, stupid, and fools."

10. "Q. Why should we not be offended or tight fisted in giving of contributions?

A. What we give really belongs to God...1 Chro.29:11-12 -

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness,

The power and the glory,

The victory and the majesty,

For all that is in heaven and in earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,

And you are exalted as head over all.

Both riches and honor come from you,

And you reign over all.

In Your hand is power and might;

In Your hand it is to make great

And to give strength to all." -1 Chro.29:11-12 NKJV

The Devil's Footprint is Evident in the use of these verses -

The grand deceiver through his Manalo protégé always uses the Scriptures in a deceptive manner. Did the verse command not to be offended or tight fisted in giving contributions? No! It is Manalo who is giving the commands not to be offended or tight fisted because these are his words veiled as a question. It is true that God owns everything in earth and in heaven. If He owns everything, does He need monies? He does not need it. It is Manalo who needs the contribution monies. In fact, Manalo will be offended if you don't contribute. What is the proof he will be offended if you don't give your contributions? He will call his minister to explain why the contributions and deposits have decreased. The minister in turn will prod the deacons and deaconesses who will in turn prod their assigned members for 100% compliance. Manalo already perfected his technique of requiring members to write their group numbers on their envelopes for easy tracking. A true church of Christ is not concerned with money as they know God will provide.

11. "Q. Thus, what does God expect from us?

A. Joy and willingness to give....1 Chro.29:9 -

"Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord; and King David also rejoiced greatly." -1 Chro.29:9 NKJV

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.77)

Manalo's Deceptions in using the verse -

1 Chronicles 29:9 pertains to the topic of Offerings for Building the Temple. Verse 9 is the conclusion of the topic. If we will read from Verse 1, the material offerings of precious metals (gold, silver, bronze, iron, and valuable stones) were for the preparation of building Solomon's Temple (also called the Jerusalem Temple). Who were the ones who offered willingly? The foremost offerer was King David, offering a vast amount of his riches of precious metals and stones (Verse 2-5). Who else offered? The captains and leaders of the tribes of Israel (Verses 6-8). The fact that Verse 9 says, "they offered willingly" testifies that there was no coercion. How about the ordinary Israelites who did not have precious metals and valuable stones, can they offer even if they wanted to? Absolutely not! They are exempted. But Manalo, for his part, does not want to exempt poor Iglesia members. Manalo is a greedy crook. He wants to grudge even the bread from the mouths of his poor Iglesia members. The Manalo's are only focused on money.

12. "Q. Do economic hardships prevent the true servants of God from giving contributions?

A. Despite economic difficulties, they contribute more than they can...II Cor.8:1-3 -

"Our brother, we want you to know what God's grace has accomplished in the churches in Macedonia. They have been severely tested by the troubles they went through; but their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving, even though they are very poor. I can assure you that they gave as much as they could. Of their own free will they begged us and pleaded for the privilege of having a part in helping God's people in Judea." -2 Cor.8:1-4 NKJV

Conclusion: Thus, poverty is not an excuse to God for failure to contribute. Poverty of even greater proportions was suffered by the early Christians but still, they gave contributions. The same thing is being done by many of today's members of the Church of Christ."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.77)

Deceptions by Manalo in the use of these verses -

If the Macedonians though they were very poor, had given more than they could afford, does that mean you should follow them, too? Bear in mind that the contributions they have given were for the purpose of sending relief to the stricken Jewish brethren in Judea. It is like the poor giving also to the poor. Manalo wants Iglesia members to imitate the Macedonians so that he can squeeze monies from poor members.

What kind of man are you if you always imitate impossible things done by other people? Supposing you see somebody jump from a thirty story building and had survived, will you jump, too? Supposing you hesitate and here comes Erano telling you, "Jump man, jump!" Will you? You are a fool if you do. Apostle Paul was only informing the Corinthians what the Macedonians had done. He never commanded to imitate it. Apostle Paul knows that it is the rich who are commanded to give contributions. But, if the poor wanted to give, like the poor widow or the Macedonians, let them give. Do not prohibit them from giving. They will give at their own risk.

What is the consequence if you will force the poor to give all what they have and more than they could, like the Macedonians? The consequence will be big trouble to Apostle Paul. Why? If the Macedonians don't

have any more food to eat there is a big problem of feeding them. Apostle Paul will have to rush back to Jerusalem to take back some of the relief to be returned to the Macedonians. Or worse, Apostle Paul will ask the other Gentile brethren to have another collection project; this time is to benefit the Macedonians.

Why do you think the Macedonians pleaded with Apostle Paul to give for the relief to Judea? Apostle Paul didn't want them to give because they were already poor. We know already the concerns of Apostle Paul of the trouble he will have if the Macedonians become the problem. Because there is a command not to block those who wanted to give, he was forced to permit them.

How about in Erano's corporation or I mean religion? Do you think if you were coerced by Erano into giving all your monies or even to be indebted, do you think Erano will help to feed you? Surely he will tell you, "Pray to God, and don't ever try to disturb me again."

Manalo says, "Poverty is not an excuse to God for failure to contribute". Is this truth or a lie? It is a lie! According to 2 Cor.9:7 there are two requisites before you are allowed to give. First it must not be grudgingly done and second, your necessity as a giver must be considered. Did not God command to love your neighbor as you love yourself? Therefore it is a command to love yourself. Do you love yourself if you deprive yourself of eating because you have given all your monies to Manalo? Manalo now admits that he has fooled a lot of Iglesia members. He claims that a lot of poverty stricken Church of Christ of Manalo members are imitators of the Macedonians. What crime is this? This is a crime against humanity. Imagine commanding the already poor to become poorer? And deceiving the poor they will go to heaven when they will go to hell? This is a travesty that must be stopped.

13. "Q. Why do we still have Thanksgiving with offerings every time the year ends?

A. God's command....Ps.50:14 -

"Offer to God thanksgiving,

And pay your vows to the Most High." -Ps.50:14 NKJV

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.78)

Manalo's Deceptions in using Ps.50:14 -

The verse speaks of two matters. 1. Thanksgiving offer, and 2. Paying of vows. Manalo has merged the two matters, i.e., the thanksgiving offer is the payment of vows. The footprint of the devil is again present here. The devil always corrupts the words of God.

Thanksgiving Offer-

How is thanksgiving offering done? Does it require monies? Do not ask Money Manalo because you already know the looks of his face. Off hand, we know that thanksgiving does not require monies because God does not need monies. So, how is it done therefore? Let's read:

"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." -Heb.13:15 NKJV

It is clear from the verse that thanksgiving does not require monies. What is required is only our lips to praise God and thank Him. Can anyone do this at any time? Absolutely!

Payment of Vow -

What is a vow? A vow is an oral commitment to do something. The vow must be given voluntarily by the vow giver in order to be valid. How do you pay a vow? If you vowed to marry a girl, the payment is marrying that girl. If you vowed not to smoke cigarettes, the payment is not smoking. If you vowed to pay your debt of ten pesos, the payment is the giving of the ten pesos. If you vowed to increase the duties of members of your corporation or I mean religion, the payment is increasing their duties.

How did FYM and EGM trick Iglesia members into paying monies to the Iglesia ni Cristo corporation throughout their lifetime? Anticipating that they will use Psalm 50:14 later on, they made it a requirement to all Iglesia indoctrinees on the day of baptism that the baptism candidates raise their right hands vowing

to obey all the doctrines (man made Gospel of Manalo) they have received. This vow will later revisit all Iglesia members one week before the Iglesia thanksgiving worship services in July and December when Manalo will remind the members of their vows to pay.

14. "Q. Is thanksgiving still commanded in the Christian era? And why is thanksgiving also done during anniversary of the Church?

A. It is God's will to give thanks for all things....1 Thess.5:18 -

"in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thess.5:18 NKJV

Note: It is commanded that we give thanks for everything. The anniversary of the Church is a great thing for us to be thankful for." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.78)

Deceptions by Manalo in using 1 Thess.5:18 -

The verse is corrupted by Manalo. How? He has changed "in everything give thanks" into "for everything give money thanks." Iglesia members are required by Manalo to do seven days devotional prayers before the thanksgiving day, ordering them to recollect the supposed blessings received from God (such as still being alive, free from terrorism, job, good health, still members of the INC). Manalo wants members to pay for these things. In one of Manalo's preparatory sermons preceding the thanksgiving worship, he will ask members: "How much value in terms of pesos and dollars do you put on your life?" "Do you think the amount that you will offer to God is worthy in comparison to those blessings?" "How much would you pay God for giving you eternal life?" "How much would you pay God to enter heaven?" Of course, these questions are designed so that members will increase their money thanksgivings. Manalo is an expert in extortion and manipulation.

True Context of 1 Thess. 5:18 -

We should thank God IN everything whether good or bad. Job, a man of God, thanked God even when God allowed all the misfortunes he had suffered. Faithfulness to God is required (Rev.2:10) as God is faithful to His people (1 Thess.5:24).

THANKING GOD WITH MONIES WILL DEplete MANALO'S FORTUNE -

Manalo always associates the words "thank" or "thanksgiving" in the Bible as money thanking. He will be sorry for doing so. Because of it, surely his billions will become depleted. Why? Let's read a verse also in the Book to the Thessalonians

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father," -1 Thess.1:2-3 NKJV

Who is giving the thanking here? And who is the thanking for? The pronoun "We" pertains to the Church Administration of Apostle Paul. The thanking is for the Christians because of their faith. What is the significance of this thanking by the Church Administration in the Iglesia ni Cristo? There is a duty of the Church Administrator Erano G. Manalo to thank God where the beneficiary of the money thanksgiving are the Iglesia ni Cristo members. Therefore Erano G. Manalo must deposit monies yearly to the INC tellers setting aside his money thanksgiving depositing from January through December for the benefit of the members. Since it is a thanksgiving Iglesia doctrine, Erano Manalo must abound or increase his thanksgiving yearly. EGM is also prohibited from drawing back or decreasing his thanksgiving. At the end of the year in December such deposited thanksgiving will be distributed and divided among all the current Iglesia members. Therefore every December thanksgiving days Iglesia deacons and deaconesses will be handing to all seated brethren the envelopes with monies coming from the Executive Minister to thank God for their faith.

Supposing Erano will say, "I am not bound to do that!" Oh yeah, let's see if he is not bound:

"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other." -2 Thess.1:3 NKJV

Erano can not escape. He is bound to thank God, i.e., thank God with monies according to the Iglesia doctrine. These verses will be a real boon to all Iglesia members. They will just be waiting for the December thanksgiving days every year for the pension from EGM. It is about right that EGM pay back what he has stolen.

Supposing Erano will say, "No, it's not me alone who will do this because I have other assistants in administering the INC. That will be good if members of his ruling administration will share their monies because they have benefited in perpetrating the crime against humanity.

15. "Q. What is assured when thanksgiving is done to God?

A. He is glorified...Ps.50:23 -

"Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;

And to him who orders his conduct aright

I will show the salvation of God." -Ps.50:23 NKJV

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.78)

Manalo is caught in his tricks -

Manalo is caught in his tricks. He is not supposed to lay out this verse because it contravenes his doctrine of thanksgiving with monies. The verse is clearly a thanksgiving that does not require money but only the fruit of our lips in praise of God. When you offer praise to God according to the verse, you must also set straight your conduct. By so doing, you will see the salvation of God.

16. "Q. How is thanksgiving done?

A. By means of praise....1 Chron.16:8-9 -

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord!

Call upon His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;

Talk of all His wondrous works!" - 1 Chron.16:8-9 NKJV

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.78)

Deceptions by Manalo -

These verses are all giving praises to God. But, what does Manalo always do to the verses of the Bible? He always commandeers them. How does Manalo commandeer the phrase "Oh, give thanks to the Lord!"? By piloting the thanking to the Lord into a different destination---a destination that requires money. Thanksgiving to the Lord does not require money because God owns everything. If God does not require monies what can man do that is acceptable to God? Let's read:

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,

A broken and a contrite heart--

These, O God, You will not despise." -Ps.51:17 NKJV

A broken spirit and a contrite heart is what is acceptable to God. Does a broken and a contrite heart require money? No. It requires only lots of tears and true devotion to God.

17."Q. Why do we still bring offerings on thanksgiving?

A. It is commanded to bring offerings....1 Chron.16:29-

"Give to the Lord the glory due His name;

Bring an offering, and come before Him,

Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!" -1 Chron.16:29 NKJV

Conclusion: Thus, on thanksgiving day, whether at the end of the year or the anniversary of the Church, we do special worship services to praise God and to bring offerings."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.78)

Deceptions by Manalo -

The command pertains to Israel (Verse 13). What kind of offering was brought by King David and by the Israelites in obedience to this command? If we will read Verse 1 of Chapter 16 of the book, the offerings brought were burnt offerings and peace offerings. Both offerings require killing of animals, only that the animals used as a burnt offering will be burned while the peace offering animals will be eaten except the fat to be burned and the blood to be sprinkled on the altar of the tabernacle. Let us remember that during the Israelite's time, there were two general kinds of offerings enforced--material and spiritual. In the Christian era, since the material offering was already done for us by Lord Jesus Christ, the only offering that is still in force is spiritual offering. Spiritual offering is offering of praise to God with the fruit of our lips. If Erano wants to follow the verse, he will have to bring livestock of bulls for burnt offering and lambs and goats for peace offering. He cannot replace the livestock with monies because he is using the 1 Chron. 16:29 verse. He will have to use other verses. Manalo in his greed to get monies, he forgot to read the whole chapter 16 of 1 Chronicles where the chapter requires bringing of animal offerings. Now Erano is toasted like a burnt offering.

18. "Q. How should we prepare our offerings for thanksgiving?

A. For a period of one year...II Cor. 9:2 -

"for I know your willingness about which I boast of you to the Macedonians that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority." - 2 Cor. 9:2 NKJV
(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo., p. 78)

Deceptions by Manalo -

When the verse says, "Achaia was ready a year ago," does it mean they have deposited for one year? No! The phrase "a year ago" was only a boasting by Apostle Paul to the Macedonians to represent the Achaian's previously made promise to contribute (Verse 5). Therefore the boasting by Apostle Paul is being understood as not boasting, by Manalo. There was no one year preparation. What there was is the promise previously made by the Achaians or Corinthians (Corinth is in the province of Achaia), but the Achaians actually had not started the contribution. What Apostle Paul did was to remind the Achaians of their previously made promise and oath to contribute because if they won't fulfill their promise, both Apostle Paul and the Achaians will be shamed as Apostle Paul had already boasted to the Macedonians that Achaia were ready. What is the promise about? The Achaians promised to contribute for the relief to be sent to the Judean saints (Verse 9:1). Crook Erano is out of touch with the Bible because he is denied of Bible secrets.

19. "Q. Why should we prepare our offering in this manner?

A. So that there will be no compulsion...II Cor. 9:5 -

"Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation." - 2 Cor. 9:5 NKJV

Instruction: The easiest way to prepare our offering for thanksgiving is by weekly savings. (Teach how this is done.)" (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo..., p. 79)

Manalo's Deceptions -

The crook is using the devil's argument. He goes, "Why should we deposit weekly? So that there will be no compulsion!" Wise guy, if there is no compulsion, why do you require members to deposit weekly? The crook even uses the term "weekly savings", but his savings account permits no withdrawals. This is against the law. In a legal savings account, the depositor is allowed to deposit and to withdraw. Therefore, Manalo's savings account is like a Mafia account where upon deposit it is no longer your money. The crook has also instruction to his minister to teach the indoctrinee how the weekly depositing to the Mafia account is done.

20. "Q. What is God's promise to those who contribute and give offerings?

A. God can pour abundant blessings...II Cor.9:7-8 -

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." -II Cor.9:7-8 NKJV"

Emphasize: The brethren who set aside something for their offering to God do not lose anything nor are they on the losing end, because God has prepared for them blessings even in this life."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.79)

Deceptions by Manalo-

The verses pertain to contributions to help the calamity stricken brethren. Of course, the Corinthians will be blessed because they were following the command of God to love the brotherhood. The Judeans are their brethren in faith. What about the contributions exacted by Manalo? Manalo is a wise thief. Why is he a wise thief? When there was the volcano eruption in Luzon what did he do? Did he release any part of the money collected through the use of II Cor.9:7-8? Noooo! The thief instructed his Iglesia members to contribute again to help the stricken brethren. Supposing somebody tells you to give money to help the flood victims of Manila and you doled out P10,000.00. Later on the same person came back to you to tell you "let's help our brethren who suffered the Manila flood," what will be your reaction? You will ask what happened to the P10,000.00 you have already given. But the person says, "No way will I tell you what happened to the money!" This is precisely what Manalo is doing. He refuses to release a report of how he had used the collected monies. Such collected monies are to be used for calamity stricken brethren because the verses used in collecting such monies were for that purpose. What is his usual answer? He says, "Why should I report the uses of the money when it's not your money?"

21. "Q. What is the great blessing that awaits those who give offerings?

A. The true life....1 Tim.6:18-19 NIV

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way, they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." - 1 Tim.6:18-19 NIV

Conclusion: Thus, we should believe that we who are members of the Church of Christ have obligation to give contributions and offerings. We should do this wholeheartedly, freely and gladly. But to enable us to do so, we should set this aside. We should not be offended in doing this because God commanded such and the amount that we give really comes from Him. Most of all, if we contribute, we are laying up a good foundation for the attainment of true life." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.79)

Deceptions by Manalo -

Erano does his old trick of Bible switching again. This time he uses the NIV. Why do you think the thief used the New International Version this time? He wants to hide something from the other versions right? Let's go to the New King James Version in order to catch the thief:

"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." -1 Tim.6:17-18 NKJV

Did you catch the thief? If you didn't answer this question after reading the first sentence of the verse,

Who are commanded to give?

Reread several times if you didn't. Now, you have caught the big thief owner of the Manalo business corporation. Those who are commanded to give are the RICH. There is no mistake here. You are reading the verse right. Go also to the Today's English Version. And even the New Revised Standard Version, or the New Living Translation. Read the same first sentence of Verse 17. Now, are you satisfied that Manalo is a thief? It is the rich who are commanded to give, but, the thief wants all to give. And mind you, he doesn't just want change or coins. He doesn't want you to be tight fisted. He wants big monies and not only that; he wants you to give him monies for the rest of your life.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 30

Lesson 20 – The Brotherhood - Part 1

By C.R. – May 19, 2003

Q. What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No.20 and what are its fallacies?

A. The following is an excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No.20:

"LESSON NO.20 - THE BROTHERHOOD

Theme: God commands that the brethren should love one another.

Summary: The Church of Christ believes that it is the will of God for us to love one another as true brothers and sisters. Hence, if anyone has sinned against us, we should forgive him and we should reconcile with those who are mad at us."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989,p.80)

The Fallacies of this Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No.20 -

First of all, sin can only be forgiven by the Father, by Christ, and by the Holy Spirit, that is, God. Man does not have the power to forgive sins. The love of the brotherhood in the Iglesia ni Cristo is a different kind of love from that which was taught by the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Apostles. Artificial love is what we can describe the brotherhood love inside the INC. At the outset, Manalo does not love his members but only their monies. Also, if Manalo loves his members, he is not supposed to increase incrementally their duties and responsibilities month after month paying them nothing. This alone differentiates the love taught by Christ from that taught by Manalo because the Lord Jesus Christ's yoke is easy and His burden light (Mt.11:30). Moreover, Manalo teaches a different kind of love, which is, a love that concerns mainly the Iglesia ni Cristo idol. In accordance with this Manalo model of love, each and every member must see to it that his brother/sister attend or must not be absent in the Thursday and Sunday idol worships. What kind of love is requiring you to become guards and spies of your brethren? It is a love for the Iglesia ni Cristo idol! Manalo does not want any Iglesia member to escape the worship of the INC. What is the sure proof that Manalo never intended to love his Iglesia members but only their monies? The sure proof is that they are treated like garbage when they die. After death, the member's name is delisted from the Iglesia ni Cristo books. While alive, you cannot escape from being listed in his registry books, but at death, your name becomes like garbage delisted and expelled from the Iglesia records and forgotten. In the Iglesia ni Cristo, they don't allow visitation of the dead. Because of this, burial plots, tombs, and crypts of dead Iglesia members are not being cleaned, nor overgrown grass cut and trimmed. In fact, their inscribed names are no longer visible or recognizable.

Is the kind of treatment accorded the deceased Iglesia members a violation of the love of brotherhood? Of course, it is a violation. Why, what is the status of the dead? Let us read the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ:

"While He spoke these things to them, behold a ruler came and worshipped Him, saying, 'My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live'...When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." (Mt.9:18,23-24 NKJV)

According to the teaching, when someone ceases to breath, is the person dead or alive? The person is not dead but still alive. Only the person is just sleeping. Therefore, Iglesia members in the cemeteries are not dead but are just sleeping. But Manalo who only loved their monies had kicked them out already by delisting their names. What is the proof that dead Iglesia members are no longer in the Iglesia registry books? The quarterly report of members' names being submitted to Manalo are purged or cleaned of deceased or sleeping members. If any Iglesia member would like to investigate this, he or she should go to the INC Records Section and ask to see the quarterly census report and see if you can find the names of your deceased mother, father, siblings, and other relatives who were faithful Iglesia members when they died, if their names are still there. If you cannot find their names, it only means you will suffer the same fate. Remember the teaching of Manalo that what is listed on earth is also listed in heaven and what is delisted on earth is also delisted in heaven.

Manalo has a convincing reason for doing such unbrotherly love. What is his reason? He says, "Anyway, he or she can no longer complain because he or she is already eight feet under the ground. And he will add with sarcasm, "Anyway, they won't know that I have delisted them."

Q. What are the other deceptions of Manalo incorporated in his Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson 20?

A. The following are the other deceptions by Manalo in questions and answers format:

1. "Q. What is the Bible's teaching regarding the brotherhood in the Church?

A. Love the brotherhood....1 Pet.2:17

"Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King." -1 Pet.2:17 NKJV

2. Q. Why is it vital to fulfill the brotherhood? What is the relevance of our love for the brethren with our relationship to Christ?

A. The true disciple of Christ love his brothers...Jn.13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." -Jn.13:34-35 NKJV

3. Q. Why is the person who loves his brethren in the Church recognized as a true disciple of Christ?

A. He made us all brothers...Mt.23:9

"Do not call anyone on earth your Father, for One is your father, He who is in heaven." -Mt.23:9 NKJV
(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.80-81)

Manalo's Deceptions in using 1 Peter 2:17 -

Loving the brotherhood is a command of God. But if you will ask Manalo, he will love his Iglesia members only conditionally. Why? What are the conditions set by Manalo in order that members will merit his brotherhood love?

Three Conditions of Manalo before he can love any Iglesia ni Cristo member:

Condition #1 - You must obey 100% all the Iglesia doctrines included in the Gospel of Manalo, or the indoctrination lessons taught to you;

Condition #2 - You must not sleep in the worship service or sleep in your grave;

Condition #3 - You must not draw back in everything you do in the Church nor to forget to abound in your twice a year money thanksgivings.

Based on these conditions, we can see that Manalo practices discriminatory brotherhood love. Are these the only discriminatory practices of Manalo? No! He has other discriminations.

Other Discriminatory Practices of Manalo:

Manalo also discriminates against males, officially. According to the Official Gazette, Felix Y. Manalo prefers females rather than males as to who should share their bodies to him. How about in the seating arrangement? He prefers again the females because they occupy the right hand side of the worship hall. What is the significance of being on the right side? The females are the sheep's. What about the males who are being discriminated against by requiring them to sit on the left side of the worship hall? They are considered the goats. Based on these facts we can see that Manalo does not enforce fully the love of brotherhood. He practices discrimination. What else is the discrimination practiced by Manalo? He discriminates those members who have no jobs or not earning monies. This is common sense why he discriminates those who do not have monies. He will not be called Money Manalo if not for his greed for monies. He wants them to produce monies for him.

But to be fair to Manalo, let's give him also a credit where credit is due. There are areas where Manalo is very strict in enforcing his so-called anti discrimination policy. Which are these areas?

Area #1 - Giving of offerings, contributions, and thanksgivings. Each one, whether rich or poor, have job or jobless, black or white, yellow or brown, sick or strong, infant or senior, is required to give their offerings, contributions, and money thanksgivings. No one is exempted by Manalo when money is the topic.

Area #2 - Fruit bearing or new convert seeking. There is no discrimination also in this area as everyone is required by Manalo to bear fruit or produce new converts. Every member has the same function of inviting people to the weekly INC Bible indoctrination studies or the monthly grand evangelical missions, or the new duty of video presentations in the member's homes. Every part or member of the Iglesia ni Cristo body is a mouth doing the same function of mouthing and inviting non members so that non members become revenue sources as well.

Manalo's Deceptions in using John 13:34-35 -

According to these verses, those who love their brothers or sisters are disciples of Christ. What about those brothers who love their brethren because of their brethren's monies? Can these people be disciples of Christ? No! The reason is because it is not the money that must be loved but the brother or sister. Therefore, the use of the verse is a deception. If you tell the indoctrinees to love their brothers but such brothers should be loved because of their monies, is that not deception? Love of monies of the brother is not loving that brother. It is only a fake love to that brother. And what about if the member decides to leave the INC, are they continued to be loved? They are hated, rejected and disowned.

Deceptions by Manalo in using Matthew 23:9 -

The use of the principle that because we are created by God, we are all brothers and sisters and must love each other is a deception by Manalo. Why is this a deception? Because this principle is not adhered to by the Iglesia religion. According to Manalo only members of the INC are the bonafide brothers and sisters. Therefore Manalo cannot use this verse because he does not practice it. As a matter of fact, INC members are prohibited from loving and marrying non members. He threatens those who will love and marry non members with expulsion. Not only that. He will punish also their parents for not watching over their children which resulted in their marrying non members. In the Iglesia ni Cristo being a cult that thrives on man's doctrines, it punishes the innocent.

OTHER SEGMENTS OF MANALO DECEPTIONS:

4. "Q. How should we practice our love for the brethren?

A. Do not withhold help from those in need...1 Jn.3:17 NIV

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has not pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?" -1 Jn.3:17 NIV

Instruction: We should bear with one another. Let us help the less fortunate brethren and let us not withhold from them whatever good things that we are able to do for them.

5. Q. Who among the brethren do not deserve our help?

A. Those who lead disorderly lives..II Thess.3:6 NIV

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us." -II Thess.3:6 NIV

6. Q. Who are those who live disorderly lives?

A. Those who do not work or those who refuse to earn a living...II Thess.3:11-12 -

"For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. " - II Thess.3:11-12 NIV

7. Q. Why should we not help those who refuse to work or earn a living?

A. Such people deserve not to eat...II Thess.3:10

"For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat." II Thess.3:10 NKJV

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo....., p.81)

EXPLANATION OF DECEPTIONS BY MANALO

On 1 John 3:17 NIV

According to the verse, love of God can not be given to those who do not have pity on his brother needing material help. Take note that according to the verse, those required to help are those with material possessions. Therefore, poor brethren who do not have material possessions are exempted. But Manalo would not exempt anyone. What do you say to a teacher who teaches, "Obey this verse, but he himself will not obey? He is not a true teacher, right? A true teacher must be the example.

On 2 Thess.3:6 -

The command is never not helping but to keep away from those who are idle and do not live according to the teachings of the Apostles. Keeping away does not mean totally abandoning that brother or sister. What is to be kept away is the unchristian way of his conduct. Manalo is teaching a wrong commandment here. Imagine, those who need help most are being denied of help by Manalo? He is practicing discrimination and hypocrisy. How can we help those who are idle? Help them get a job! How can we help those who do not live according to the teachings of the Apostles? We help them with gentleness and love to depart from their wicked ways. This is called helping the brother carry his own load of self examination. We had discussed this in the previous part of the expose.

On 2 Thess. 3:11-12 -

Those who are jobless are commanded to get a job in order to stop their busybodies from bothering others. The issue is not being without job, it is the actions of being a busybody that is the problem. To get a job is necessary in order to have money to buy their own bread. There are lots of jobless who are busybodies in the Iglesia ni Cristo and always bothering their members. Who are these? They are the ministers of Manalo including Erano himself. Since they don't have regular jobs, they concentrate on pushing their members to get visitors. Because Manalo does not have a regular job, he devotes his time in thinking and planning how to increase the members' duties and responsibilities. According to the verse, all are commanded including ministers to have a livelihood. All are commanded by Apostle Paul to have a job in order to stop their like-a-bee busy bodies. Why is it necessary that Iglesia ministers have regular jobs? Because they are not being paid by Erano. What they receive is not salary but help in touching monies. They touch the money and thereafter the money bounced back to Erano's hand. If ministers will have real jobs, they will not be criticized as living in a disorderly manner because they will have a decent job, which is, an improvement from a job as a deceiver. And they will also have real monies and resources to become independent, stand on their own feet, and can walk away with erect foreheads, walking out from Manalo's slavery.

On II Thess. 3:10 -

Anyone who will not work (due to laziness or busy bodyness) or does not have a job would not have money to buy bread in order to eat. When Apostle Paul said, "anyone who will not work will not eat," does this mean we will allow that person to die? No. It is rare that those who can work will not work. If he is able to work and will not work he has some kind of problem. That problem we need to know for appropriate remedial action. For example, Erano is able to work but refuses to work for a regular job, what might be his problem? It is a theory in science that nothing can happen without a cause. What is the cause for Erano? Well, the cause might be spiritual. He is possessed by the spirit of the antichrist. The remedy might be exorcism. He will need the services of an expert Catholic priest to exorcise and expel his demons inhabiting his body. As was said already, those who do not have problems will work if they are able. Only that, with gentleness and kindness we have to help them solve their problem. If one of them is with us we are required to feed them, otherwise they will die. Is he not a brother? Yes he is. Is it not a command to help a needy brother? Yes, it is a command. Do we feed dogs and cats? Yes. Are dogs and cats required to work? No! If we can feed our dogs and cats, why can't we feed our brother in need?

CONTINUING SEGMENTS OF MANALO DECEPTIONS -

8. "Q. How do we safeguard the brotherhood in the Church?

A. Grudge not one against another. Jas.5:9 -

"Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the judge is standing at the door!" -Jas.5:9 NKJV

Instruction: This grudging against each other is the work of the people of the world and not of the true disciples of Christ. We should not do it.

9. Q. Suppose a brother or a sister has done us wrong? What is forbidden of us to safeguard the brotherhood in the Church?

A. Do not return evil for evil...1 Pet.3:8-9 RSV

"Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling; but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain a blessing." 1 Pet.3:8-9 RSV

10. Q. What else is forbidden of us so that the brotherhood in the Church is always upheld?

A. Stop evil tongue and speak no guile...1 Pet.3:10 RSV

"For he that would love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile;" -1 Pet.3:10 RSV

Instruction: We should not speak evil things against the brethren in the Church. We should not destroy their reputation." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo..., p.81-82)

EXPLANATION OF DECEPTIONS BY MANALO -

On James 5:9 -

Manalo says "Grudge not against another." Did Manalo use the correct word? No! He had changed grumble with grudge. In black and white we caught the Bible manipulator. To grumble or to complain is not a grudge. Manalo is erasing the word "grumble" from the Iglesia ni Cristo vocabulary. Why is this so? He wants all Iglesia members not to complain about his insane and dictatorial commands. Complaining is allowed if there is a reason for complaint, such as if monies are drawn down, otherwise, the dictator will continue to repress his members and impose his will on the silent majority. But why did Apostle James say "Do not grumble? It seems he is siding with Manalo in not allowing members to complain. If we will read what he was talking about prior to the verse, he was talking about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Apparently, there were some Christians who were complaining or grumbling why the Lord Jesus has not yet come. They are becoming impatient. Because of this, Apostle James calmed them not to grumble against one another because the Judge or the Lord Jesus Christ is by the door. We have to be patient and persevering in waiting for the Lord. If Christ is by the door, He will just open the door and boom, He is in.

On 1 Peter 3:8-9 -

"Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling; but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain a blessing." 1 Pet.3:8-9 RSV

Manalo when he teaches always gives importance to the Iglesia ni Cristo idol. He says we must safeguard the brotherhood in the Church of Christ. Therefore, the Church of Christ idol is always given preeminence. Who should we give preeminence to? It is the Lord Jesus Christ (Col.1:18).

According to Verse 9, we should bless those who do the evil and reviling on us. Why? This is the way Christians are called so that they will be blessed if they exchanged blessing for the reviling. Therefore, if Manalo reviles the Catholics and Protestants, and in return these Christians bless Manalo for what he is doing, it is because into such deeds are they called. But why are some Christians such as the C.R. exposing the doctrines of the Iglesia ni Cristo? It is because it is the commandment of God to expose the works of darkness. Let us read this:

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather expose them." -Eph.5:11 NKJV

Therefore it is a command to expose the works of darkness. This is the reason why the C.R. is exposing the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ of Manalo) for its works of darkness. Why do we know that the Iglesia ni Cristo is working the works of darkness? Because it is doing deceptions and teaching a false Jesus Christ! Imagine, deceiving people that Christ will save the Church of Christ that Manalo has founded when it is not true? He is teaching a false Jesus Christ. Do you have to argue with Christ that you need to use the Lamsa Translation as proof that He will save Manalo's creation? This trickery of Manalo is being done to those he has deceived. If you are a true church you don't need to use a particular Bible translation otherwise known as translation hopping.

Whom will Christ save? He will save only those given to Him by His Father (Jn.6:44). Therefore, who works so that people will be saved? It is God who works (Jn.6:29). It is never a Manalo work, or any Iglesia minister work, or any works done by any Iglesia members that save people. God saves those whom He will have mercy (Rom 9:15). Also, those whom God will not save, God will harden their hearts (Rom.9:18). It is not a surprise why many Iglesia members, despite that they were apprised of the deceptions by Manalo, continue to believe in their cult and their Manalo leader.

The Bible is out there for everyone to read (not to be read to you by somebody). And you don't need a Manalo guide because the Holy Spirit will be your guide and teacher (Jn.14:26). Who is the author of deceptions? It is the devil (Rev.12:9). Is the devil in the light or in the darkness? He is in darkness (Eph.6:12). There are so many deceptions by Manalo already exposed by this study in Parts 1 through 19. Therefore, the Iglesia ni Cristo is working the works of darkness which must be exposed by Christians.

On 1 Peter 3:10 RSV -

"For he that would love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile; let him turn away from evil and do right; let him seek peace and pursue it." -1 Pet.3:10 RSV

Manalo has shown only verse 10. The verse continues in Verse 11. Accordingly, those who keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking guile are those who love life and see good days. We must turn away from evil and do right. We must seek peace by action of pursuing it. Here again, Manalo is using the verse as a way of giving importance to the Church of Christ that he created. If we present our body in doing righteousness, goodness, and other fruit of the Spirit, whom do we glorify or worship? It is God (Rom.12:1)

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 31

Lesson 20 – The Brotherhood - Part 2

By C.R. – May 30, 2003

11."Q. What should not be done to anyone especially to our brethren in the Church?

A. We should not defraud anyone...1 Cor.6:8

Instruction: We should not do what others do who borrow without returning what they borrowed or loan money and not pay. We should avoid doing evil to brethren in the Church."

12."Q. If a brother or sister in the Church commits evil against us, what should we not do against him or her?

A. Suing him or her in a civil court is forbidden...1 Cor.6:6 TEV

Instruction: If somehow our brother would wrong us, do not sue him in court. God does not allow us to do this."

13."Q. What should we do instead of suing the brother or sister in a civil court?

A. Bring the case to the Church Administration...1 Cor.6:4 TEV

Conclusion: If conflicts arise among us, the proper thing to do to resolve them is to bring them to the Administration of the Church which will settle and decide on the issue."

14. "Q. Therefore, what does Christ first ask us to do whenever a brother or sister sins against us?

A. Go to him or her and talk privately...Mt.18:15 TEV

Note: The offended party is told by Christ to approach the offender. We are not told to avoid whoever offends us, much less to detest him or her. Christ commands instead that we talk privately first with those who offend us." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo.,P.82)

EXPLANATION OF MANALO'S DECEPTIONS:

On 1 Cor.6:8 - Don't defraud any INC member?

"No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren." -1 Cor.6:8 NKJV

Manalo has the nerve to teach his members not to cheat and not to defraud when he himself is practicing cheating and defrauding of his members every day! Is it not cheating the members when you say the Corinthians deposited monies for one year for their thanksgivings when they didn't? Is it not cheating to require infants and toddlers to give offerings when they could not purpose in their hearts to give? Is it not defrauding to require the poor to contribute when only the rich are required? Is it not defrauding to say the thanksgiving monies are used for construction of houses of worships when they are being used for building housing projects for the Church Administration inner circle elites, buying and building hospitals, radio stations, schools, and other businesses?

Did the administration of the Apostles cheated or defrauded anyone the way Manalo is defrauding and cheating his members? Let's read:

"Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one." -2 Cor.7:2 NKJV

The Apostles have not cheated nor defrauded anyone. Therefore, we can see the difference between the Apostles and the cheaters Felix & Erano Manalo. What is the rebuke of the Apostle Paul to these two Iglesia cheaters? Let's read:

"You therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man not steal, do you steal? You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through teaching the law?" - Rom.2:21-23 NKJV

Therefore, we should not listen to Felix and Erano Manalo because they are teachers who don't teach themselves. They are teaching not to steal, not to commit adultery, abhor idols, and boasting in God's law when they themselves are cheaters, adulterers, robbers of temples, and breakers of God's laws.

On 1 Cor.6:6 - INC members forbidden to sue in civil courts?

"Instead, one Christian goes to court against another and lets unbelievers judge the case." -1 Cor.6:6 TEV

Manalo has commandeered the verse that does not apply to his Iglesia religion. Who are the true believers and true unbelievers? The true believers are those who believe the gospel of Christ (Rom.1:16-17). If you believe another gospel such as the Gospel of Manalo, are you a true believer? No! You become the true unbeliever. According to the gospel of Christ, Christ commanded to believe in Him and in His Father (Jn.14:1). Do the INC members follow this command? No! They followed the command of another person by the name of Felix Y. Manalo. They rather believed Felix Manalo rather than believing Jesus Christ.

True Context of 1 Cor.6:6 -

Christians whether in the civil courts or practicing Christians in a fellowship of Christians are able to judge whether in this earth or in the second earth to come. As a matter of fact, Christians will judge angels in the coming reign of the Christians (1 Cor.6:3). And the Christians or saints will also judge the world (1 Cor.6:2). Going to civil courts is not prohibited. Does the Lord Jesus Christ sanction going to the civil court? Absolutely! Let's read:

"Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny." -Mt.5:25-26 NKJV

Is it now clear that Lord Jesus permits or sanctions going to the civil courts? Civil courts are established to resolve civil conflicts between adversaries in accordance with the laws of the land. Judges are appointed by the government. Laws of the land are promulgated by the government and the government is established for the good of the people (western government, not Islamic kinds). Manalo's teaching of forbidding his members from going to the courts (both civil and criminal) makes the Iglesia ni Cristo a separate sovereign state because it does not recognize the sovereign authority of the land.

What can Erano's ministers do to resolve conflicts? The most his ministers can do is advise the accuser brother/sister to forgive the accused while advising the accused to not do it again. Is there justice in this? No. Let's have an example. Supposing Feljun in tears borrowed P10,000 from Rommel and later on, Rommel in tears, cannot collect from Feljun and goes to the INC Administration to have the conflict settled, what is sure to happen? Erano will admonish Rommel to forgive Feljun. Erano will also advise Feljun not to do again his bad habit. What kind of justice is this? There is no justice! But usually, the wrongs done to a brother in the INC is made more wrong by Erano, the Church Administrator. How? Erano will instruct his minister to get some deacons and deaconesses who could pay the debt of Feljun. "Hey you, Deacon Dick and Deaconess Duck, produce P10,000 in order to pay the debt of Feljun, otherwise, Rommel will get cold in his faith. By the way, Deacon Dick and Deaconess Duck, those who help a disciple, do it for Christ." The Manalo administrator is truly a messenger of darkness perpetrating fraud on his members and has no shame of using Christ for his works of iniquity.

On 1 Cor. 6:4 - Wrongs of brethren to be settled by the INC Administration?

"If such matters come up, are you going to take them to be settled by people who have no standing in the church?" -1 Cor.6:4 TEV

The verse simply says the matter shall be settled by qualified Christians. The word "church" (not capitalized) pertains to fellowship of believers of Christ who are Christians. Every believer of Christ is a church or temple of God.

If all the wrongs done by INC members are settled by the INC Church Administration, it is not only a transgression of God's law, but also, a violation of the law of the land. Why is it a transgression of God's

law? Because it is a commandment of God to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's (Mt.22:21). If citizens of the land take the law into their hands, what is the government for? Civil and criminal courts are institutions of the government. Kings and rulers of governments are appointed by God. Let's read this:

"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil." -Rom.13:1-3 NKJV

Therefore, all people should obey the governing authorities for they are appointed by God. If God does not want anymore the governing authority, He will replace it. Who are the present governing authorities? They are the governments that are in power under the leaderships of the Kings, Presidents, and Prime Ministers.

What would have happened if the rape committed by Felix Y. Manalo was decided and settled by the INC Administration? Who do you think will win if Felix Y. Manalo, the INC Administrator becomes the ultimate judge on the rape case of People for Rosita Trillanes versus Felix Y. Manalo?

On Matthew 18:15 - Go to the offending brother and talk to him privately?

"If your brother sins against you, go to him and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back." -Mt.18:15 TEV

Felix Y. Manalo loves this verse very much. The many women he has abused will be obliged to talk to him privately about the abuses. Oh, what a thrill for Felix to have the women talk to him privately.

Q. What are the other deception segments of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine #20?

A. The following are the continuing segments of deceptions by Manalo:

#15 "Q. What should be done if he refuses to hear us?

A. Bring one or two others as witnesses...Mt.18:16 TEV

Instruction: If he or she does not listen to you, you may bring an elder or two in the Church to serve as witnesses in your talk and who will reconcile you with him or her. Do this than going to court at once."

#16 "Q. Should he or she refuse to listen, what should be done?

A. Tell it to the Church, and if he or she still refuses to be reconciled, bring the matter to the Church Administration. If he or she still refuses to listen to the Church Administration, Christ tells us to regard him or her as a Gentile."

#17 "Q. Who are referred to as "Gentiles"?

A. The Gentiles are separated from Christ...Eph.2:11(a),12

Conclusion: Therefore, he or she who refuses to be reconciled with his or her brethren in the Church in spite of the mediation of the Church Administration will be expelled from the Church."

#18 "Q. What now becomes the obligation of the brethren in the Church who encounter conflict with each other?

A. Be reconciled at once...Mt.5:23-26 RSV

Instruction: We should not allow ourselves to go on harboring hatred or anger against others. It does not mean we should not attend the worship services while we are still angry with others but that we should be reconciled at once with them."

#19 "Q. How should those who are angry with each other reconcile?

A. Forgive each other...Eph.4:32"

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,pp.82-83)

EXPLANATION OF THE DECEPTIONS OF MANALO -

On Matthew 18:16 - Bring one or two deacons/deaconesses as witnesses?

"But if he will not listen to you, take one or two other persons with you, so that every accusation may be upheld by the testimony of two or more witnesses, as the scripture says." -Mt.18:16 TEV

Clearly, the word deacon or deaconess, or any title of position is not mentioned in this verse. What is mentioned is persons. Any person will do.

On Matthew 18:17 - If not satisfied with two witnesses, tell it to the Church Administration?

"If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector." -Mt.18:17 RSV

The word "church" was written as a common noun, therefore, it should not be perverted as Church of Christ Administration. The context of the word "church" is assembly of believers. There can be no church except if the believers are assembled together.

The True Context of Matthew 18:15-17 -

How does Felix Y. Manalo manipulate Mt. 18:15-17? He uses the devil's way of disciplining his members, which is, threatening the offending brother/sister with expulsion and considering him/her as enemy of the Iglesia ni Cristo. In the true church, what is the real teaching of disciplining members? Let's read:

"And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." - 2 Thess. 3:14-15 NKJV

Therefore, the true teaching of discipline is not totally abrogating or cutting the brotherhood relationship. The extreme that could be done is not to have regular company with such an individual. In the true church, if you are called by God, your calling is irrevocable (Rom.11:29). What will happen then to that brother or sister living in an unchristian manner? What do you think a natural father does to his kids who misbehave? The father disciplines and breaks the misbehaving kid. So as it is with our Father God. How does He break us? Let's read:

"It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles---that a man has his father's wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." - 1 Cor. 5:1-5 NKJV

The misbehavior here is taking your father's wife as also your wife. According to the verse, Apostle Paul observed that the Corinthians were puffed up for this behavior, meaning they tolerated the sexual offender on the twisted belief that because God is gracious, everyone must also be gracious with each other. Apostle Paul ordered when the Corinthians will assemble together (this gathering or assembly is called "church"), they deliver to Satan (expel, not to keep company, not to eat with) the sexual deviant. What does the phrase "for the destruction of the flesh" mean? The sins being discussed are sins of the flesh and the pleasure and fulfillment of. The ultimate end of this type of behavior is the destruction of one's flesh and body. Once the flesh is destroyed life suffers and ultimately ends. This process is the breaking down of the person. The person will reap the actions of their flesh and suffer the consequences.

Take note that the verse says of the offender or the expelled, "that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord." What does this mean? Is the offender or the child of God, separated from God? No. He will be saved as a child of God. He was punished only. Later on, that child of God will come to his senses and return to God. He was punished alright. His human flesh was destroyed alright.

But he is still a child of God. What about if you are given to Satan, will you now be forsaken by God? The giving of you to Satan is only for the destruction of the flesh. Satan has no power to kill the soul. He has only the power to kill the flesh or body but not the soul. Did we not touch on this that God's calling is irrevocable? Is there anyone who can complain to God for what He does? Can the clay complain to the potter why it is shaped that way?

On Ephesians 2:11-12 - Gentiles are separated from God?

"Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands--that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world." - Eph. 2:11-12 NKJV

This verse is talking about the Gentiles at the time they were apart from Christ, meaning, the time they were not yet called by Christ. If we will continue reading down to Verse 13, there came a time that the Gentiles were also called. Let's read Verse 13:

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." - Eph.2:13 NKJV

Therefore, at the present time, the Gentiles are now also the sheeps of Jesus Christ. Which verses of the Holy Scriptures testify to this? That's right, John 10:16 and Acts 2:39, two verses being perverted by Felix and Erano Manalo. In John 10:16, the Lord Jesus speaks of his other sheep not yet in the fold. This other sheep are the Gentiles who were not yet called at the time. Later on, when Apostle Paul was sent by Christ to be Apostle to the Gentile world, they were also called and so completed the sheeps called by Christ. There are only two groups called by Christ---the Jews and the Gentiles. In Acts 2:39, it agrees that there are only two groups, first group are the Jews and their Samaritan children. The second group are the Gentiles (Non Jews or Christians) who were considered before as afar off from Christ. The word "afar off" or "far off" is being perverted by Manalo as Far East Philipines.

On Matthew 5:23-24 RSV -

"So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go first to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." - Mt. 5:23-24 RSV

Take note that there were still material offerings at the time of Christ preaching here on earth. He had not yet offered His body on the cross. Stoppage of the material offering begins after He died on the cross when God offered his flesh as the final sacrifice. Also, before Christ went up to heaven, the altar is the Jerusalem Temple. After resurrection, the altar is now Jesus Christ who is present in His children. According to the verse, if you remember that a brother has something against you (a grudge), you must first be reconciled to your brother. Since there is no longer the Jerusalem Temple and you have become the temple of God to do good works (fruit of the Spirit), you must reconcile first with your brother before good works you do are accepted by God. For example, if you owe money to Brother Dave, pay him first before doing the goodness of helping the poor squatters of Manila.

On Eph.4:32 - Forgive those brothers who are angry at us?

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." - Eph.4:32 NKJV

There is no teaching here that we must forgive the angry. When you forgive somebody, there is something that you give up that must not be given back. How can you forgive if there is nothing given or done? Supposing you lent your brother a comb and you have forgiven the brother because he refuses to return the comb, the thing given or done is the comb. Who is the angry party here? Is it the borrower or the lender? The borrower has no reason to be angry for not returning the comb. The lender is the angry party. In essence, Manalo wants you to become crazy to forgive your own angry self, totally backwards.

The true context of Eph. 4:32 -

The children of God were previously sinners, but, they were forgiven by God, i.e., their sins were forgiven by God. The forgiveness by God is through mercy and grace, i.e., He is not obligated to forgive, but, had given forgiveness only through His unmerited choice to forgive. The same is true for those who have done iniquity against us. Since God has forgiven us for our iniquities, we must also forgive those who have done iniquity against us. If there are no iniquities done to you, there is nothing to forgive. It is that simple.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 32

Lesson 21 – Other Prohibitions - Part 1

By C.R. – June 3, 2003

Q. What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No.21 and what are its fallacies?

A. The following is an excerpt of the Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No.21:

"LESSON NO.21 - OTHER PROHIBITIONS

Theme: God forbids the eating of blood and intermarriage with non member.

Summary: The members of the Church of Christ believe that it is God who forbids the eating of blood and prohibits marriage with those of other faiths. Elopement is an act of disrespect for parents and this is a sin in the eyes of God."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.85)

THE FALLACIES OF THIS GOSPEL OF MANALO DOCTRINE #21 -

Felix Y. Manalo has enacted two prohibitions for the Iglesia ni Cristo members. These two prohibitions are abstaining from food with cooked blood (dinuguan) and not marrying non members. According to the Bible, these two prohibitions are doctrines of demons (1 Tim.4:1-3). Let us read this:

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." - 1 Tim.4:1-3 NKJV

Did we find the two prohibitions of Manalo included in the doctrines of demons? Absolutely. The verse says, "forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created..," Therefore, forbidding to marry (doesn't require any preconditions) or abstaining from foods such as the "dinuguan" or food with cooked blood, are two of the demon doctrines. Also, as exposed in prior parts of the expose, the Iglesia possesses the additional two demon doctrines of speaking lies in hypocrisy and having conscience seared with hot iron.

Take note also that the verse specifies when there is departure from the faith, which is, "in the latter times." When did Manalo found his Iglesia ni Cristo religion? It was founded also in the latter time (1914) after Christ founded His Way church. Which is latter, 1st century or 19th century? Nineteenth century is the latter! Manalo's false religion is the one that had appeared in the latter times. Manalo can not escape this that he is the one who had departed from the faith as evidenced by his teaching of the four demon doctrines. Why do you think Felix and Erano teach doctrines of demons? They are inhabited by demons, that's why.

What is the sure proof that abstaining from food with cooked blood or dinuguan is only a doctrine of demons? The sure proof is that this commandment can be withdrawn at any moment at will by Erano as when he ordered his sleeping cell members secretly serving as soldiers of the Philippines to eat the dinuguan when it becomes their day's menu because Manalo was tipped off that then President Marcos would use the dinuguan as a test to identify Iglesia ni Cristo soldiers serving in the armed forces.

Q. What are the other deceptions by Manalo incorporated in his Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No.21?

A. The following deceptions in questions and answers format are incorporated:

1."Q.Who forbids the eating of blood and since when has this prohibition been made?

A. God forbade it during the time of Noah...Gen.9:1-4

Note: God stated which things may be eaten and which should not be eaten. He forbids the eating of blood.

2. Q. Has this prohibition continued to be enforced until the Christian era?

A. Do not eat blood...Acts 21:25 TEV

3. Q. Why does God forbid the eating of blood?

A. The blood is life...Deut.12:22-23

Note: Blood is not given as food.

4. Q. For what did God reserve blood?

A. For the redemption of life...Lev.17:11 TEV

5. Q. What was being foreshadowed by the blood of animals being offered by the people of Israel?

A. They foreshadowed the good things to come...Heb.10:1

6. Q. What is this good thing foreshadowed by the offering of animal blood by the people of Israel?

A. The redemption by Christ by means of His blood...Heb.9:13-14

7. Q. Thus, what does God command us if we slaughter animals for food?

A. Pour out the blood and cover it with dust...Lev.17:12-13

Instruction: In preparing or dressing fowls and animals prior to cooking make sure to pour out the blood.

8. Q. What evil is committed before God by a person who eats blood?

A. He becomes God's enemy and is expelled...Lev.17:10(a)

Conclusion: Therefore we should now stay away from eating of blood or whatever food mixed with blood if we do not want to become an enemy of God and be expelled from His people."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,pp.85.87)

EXPLANATIONS OF THESE DECEPTIONS BY MANALO -

1. On Gen.9:1-4

"So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them. "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood." -Gen.9:1-4 NKJV

Take note that what is prohibited is eating flesh with its blood because the blood is its life. When can the blood become life giving? It is life giving at its fresh or liquid stage. Therefore, what is prohibited is eating the fresh liquid blood. Blood ceases to be life giving in its coagulated or non liquid form. Bloods donated for transfusion use are preserved in its liquid form so that it can be used by other people as it is life sustaining only in its liquid form. If not preserved, liquid blood turns into non liquid form (a gel) or coagulated form and can not be used as a life giver.

2. On Acts 21:25 TEV

"But as for the Gentiles who have become believers, we have sent them a letter telling them we decided that they must not eat any food that has been offered to idols, or any blood, or any animal that has been strangled, and that they must keep themselves from sexual immorality." -Acts 21:25 TEV

Manalo has gone back to his demon habit of Bible switching. This time he uses again the Today's English Version for easy perversion. Let's go to the New King James:

"But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided "that they should observe no such thing except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality." -Acts 21:25 NKJV

Why did Erano use the TEV? He wants his demon doctrine of not eating food with mixed cooked blood to have biblical basis. In the TEV, there is mention of food while in the NKJV, there is no food mentioned. What is commanded is to keep away from such four enumerated things.

- 1) things offered to idols;
- 2) from blood (liquid state);
- 3) things strangled;
- 4) sexual immorality.

Probably, Erano thought he can avoid the sexual immorality of his father by switching to the TEV, but, no he can't. Sexual immorality is not erasable in all bible versions and translations. In order to erase sexual immorality, Erano needs to write his own Bible.

According to the verse, the Gentiles should observe no such thing. Which thing is this? It is the circumcision thing. Jews observe circumcision but Gentiles are not required to observe it. There are only four things that are required of the Gentiles or non Jews. Which of these four things is Felix Manalo guilty of getting near and even touching them? Sexual immorality? Yes, he raped several single and married female members of his religion. Things offered to idols? Yes, he is the keeper of the monies offered by members to the Iglesia ni Cristo idol. From blood? Yes, bloods of sacrificed infants are spilled when he required parents to offer their children as human sacrifices to the Iglesia idol. Things strangled? These are the adult cult members whose bloods were not spilled since they did not experience being sacrificed by their non Iglesia parents. These were strangled by Manalo when they received baptism into his religion.

FOODS THAT CAN BE EATEN -

What are the foods that can be eaten? It is important to know this so that we can not be deceived by the demons of Manalo. Let's read the foods that can be eaten:

"For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." -1 Tim.4:4 NKJV

There it is! Now we can never be deceived by the demons of Manalo. Accordingly, all creatures of God are good to be eaten. When the Bible says ALL CREATURES OF GOD, it is All Creatures of God without any exceptions. Also, it is stated that nothing is to be refused (in case you have still doubts) if it is received with thanksgiving. How do we receive it with thanksgiving? Pray to God and thank for it. Supposing there is cooked blood in that food, or supposing it is cat's meat, monkey meat, or a beetle, a lizard, or a worm, will you refuse to eat them? Supposing you are in the wilderness and you have no civilized food to eat, are you going to refuse eating them? No! Don't refuse to eat them, otherwise, you will die. What should you do is pray to God and it will be sanctified through your prayer.

3. On Deut.12:22-23

"Just as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you may eat them. Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life; you may not eat the life with the meat." -Deut.12"22-23 NKJV

The blood not to be eaten here is again the liquid or fresh blood because it is the liquid blood that is the life. We can not eat the meat with its life sustaining blood or liquid blood. Therefore, life sustaining blood or liquid blood is not a food.

4. On Lev.17:11 TEV

""The life of every living thing is in the blood, and that is why the Lord has commanded that all blood be poured out on the altar to take away the people's sins." -Lev.17:11 TEV

Again, the blood here is the fresh or liquid blood. Only a liquid or fresh blood can be poured on the altar. Coagulated blood or blood transformed into solid or gelatin can not be used in the altar and is useless even in transfusions in hospitals. The verse is obviously being used by Manalo in conjunction with his demon doctrine of not eating "dinuguan."

5. On Heb.10:1

"For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect." -Heb.10:1 NKJV

The bloods of animals are not a perfect sacrifice for the atonement of sins because they are to be done continually year after year by the Israelites. Therefore, bloods of animals foreshadows only what is coming to be good things which will become permanent or perfect atonement of sins.

6. On Heb.9:13-14

"For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

What foreshadows the blood of animals is the blood of Jesus Christ which has now replaced the imperfect blood of animals. The blood of Christ is a permanent atonement of sins for mankind because His spilling of His blood will not be repeated year after year as was the case with animal blood. Christ died once for all (Heb.10:10). His blood sacrifice is good enough for past, present, and future sins of mankind. Does this mean all people will be saved? No! It only means the benefits are there but you must claim it in order to avail of the benefits. Unfortunately, only those chosen by God will claim the benefits. The proof of this is that believing Jesus Christ and confessing His name is already printed in the Bible but there are people such as the Iglesia ni Cristo members who continue to believe in another person by the name of Felix Y. Manalo. If God does not want them, it is impossible that they will ever believe Jesus Christ. Some hearts have just been hardened. A dead person (spiritually dead because of his trespasses and sins) can never do anything to save himself unless he is given life by God. Look at any corpse or better look at Lazarus of Bethany who was a stinking corpse (Jn.11:1-44) made alive only when Christ gave him life. But Christ will accept only those given to Him by His Father.

7. On Lev.17:12-13

"Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.' Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust." -Lev.17:12-13

Not eating blood pertains only to Israel and their stranger dwellers. The fresh blood of animals must be poured to the ground and buried. Take note that only the fresh or liquid blood can be poured. And only fresh or liquid blood cannot be eaten. The command does not pertain to the Gentiles.

8. On Lev. 17:10 -

"And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among the people." - Lev.17:10 NKJV

This command pertains only to Israel and their dweller strangers. It does not pertain to the Gentiles or non Jews who are not dwellers of the Israelites. An Israelite or a dweller of an Israelite must not eat blood; otherwise, they will be cut off from their co-Israelites.

By the way, a solid or coagulated blood, is it still a blood that can be poured? No! How about cooked blood? Are we allowed to eat cooked blood? Yes, we are. We have been eating cooked blood ever since the day we have been eating meats. Cooked blood is always present in the meats that we eat although it is not visible by our naked eyes unless cooked medium or raw. Only vegetarians are the ones who don't eat cooked blood because they eat only vegetables.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 33

Lesson 21 – Other Prohibitions - Part 2

By C.R. – June 4, 2003

Q. What are the deceptions of Manalo regarding marriage?

A. The following are the deceptions of Manalo concerning marriage in questions and answers format:

9. "Q. Why is a member in the Church of Christ forbidden to intermarry with someone from another religion?

A. God forbids it...II Cor.6:14 Lamsa

10. Q. When did God start prohibiting His servants from marrying anyone who is not from among His own people?

A. In the olden times...Deut.7:3-4

Note: Even engagement with anyone who is not a member of His people is also forbidden.

11. Q. Is it a small sin against God to marry a non member?

A. A great sin...Neh.13:27,26

12. Q. What will we lose if we love the world?

A. The love of the Father...1 John 2:15

Conclusion: Therefore, it is such a great sin for a member of the Church of Christ to marry a non member. This will mean the loss of God's love for us.

13. Q. Is it right for a member of the Church of Christ to elope with the one he or she wants to marry?

A. This is a sin against God because this is an insult to the parents...Mt.15:4

Instruction: If you desire to get married, show your respect for your parents by informing them of your intentions to do so. Do not elope just to get married. Be sure to get permission from your parents.

Courting or being engaged with a non member is already prohibited by God. Those of you who are still single should not marry an unbeliever. You are also commanded to avoid joining organizations or labor unions whose principles run in conflict with biblical teachings."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, pp.87-88)

EXPLANATIONS OF MANALO'S DECEPTIONS -

9. On II Cor.6:14-15 Lamsa

Manalo, who has a penchant for Bible switching aka translation hopping, uses this time his easy to pervert false Lamsa translation to justify his false doctrine of forbidding marrying. Let's read his reference:

"Do not unite in marriage with unbelievers, for what fellowship has righteousness with iniquity? Or what mingling has light with darkness? Or what accord has Christ with Satan? Or what portion has a believer with an unbeliever?" -II Cor.6:14-15 Lamsa Translation

This Lamsa translation is not accurate. Why? It is Apostle Paul who has written the Corinthian books and the Timothy books. He is not supposed to contradict himself because in his Book to Timothy (1 Tim.4:1-3), he taught that forbidding to marry is a demon doctrine. It is a demon doctrine, why is he teaching now the very same demon doctrine of forbidding marrying? Let's go to a more accurate translation such as the New King James:

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?" -2Cor.6:14-15 NKJV

Based on the correct translation, it is not marriage that Apostle Paul was prohibiting, but instead, being unequally yoked together, which can include marriage but is not limited to. All other Bible translations did not use the word "marriage" but yoked, which can include many more things. Here is an English definition of the word:

Yoke –noun 1. A device for joining together a pair of draft animals, esp. oxen, usually consisting of a crosspiece with two bow-shaped pieces, each enclosing the head of an animal.

Marriage is certainly being yoked together, but so is going into a business partnership with someone else and many more things. So the question is can the above verse be used to outlaw marriage between people of different denominations and religions or is this verse more of a guideline and advice? This verse is only strong advice, such as saying "little Timmy, do not cross the street in the middle but use sidewalk". That is why there are rhetorical questions afterwards, no judgment is listed. If this was a commandment then there would typically be a result or judgment for having breaking the rule.

Secondly, who is to say who is an unbeliever or not? It is a believer of Jesus Christ Paul is talking about is it not? Yes those who have accepted the claims of Jesus Christ are believers and those who have rejected the claims of Jesus Christ are unbelievers. Of course, who are the one's who have rejected the claims of Jesus Christ? That would be the INC.

John 8:21 - NIV

21 Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come." This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?" But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

John 10:28-30 - NIV

28I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. 29My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30I and the Father are one."

John 10:33 - NIV

33"We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

10. On Deut.7:3-4 -

"Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly." -Deut.7:3-4 NKJV

First of all, this commandment was given to the Israelites. Who are these people that the Israelites are prohibited from marrying? Let's read the upper verses:

"When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Gargashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them." -Deut.7:1-2 NKJV

Therefore, the prohibition is only applicable to the seven nations mentioned: Hittites, Gargashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. Why is it prohibited to marry any of these nations? It is because God wants them to be utterly destroyed because their lands will become the land of the Israelites. If one of these races are left alive, later on they will work to take back their lands.

There is a lesson in history here. The Canaanites who survived are the Palestinians who are now at war with Israel to take back their land. The Palestinians wanted to drive the Jews out to the Mediterranean Sea.

The prohibition pertains only to the Jews. If you are not a Jew, there is no prohibition for you. Therefore, if you are not a Jew you can marry anyone. There is no prohibition to marry a Filipino, American, Chinese, Vietnamese, British, African, or Indian. It should be emphasized here that the prohibition against the seven nations pertains only to Jews but not Gentiles who are not Jews.

11. On Nehemiah 13:27,26 -

"Should we then hear of your doing all this great evil, transgressing against our God by marrying pagan women? Did not Solomon, king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of his God; and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless pagan women caused even him to sin." -Neh.13:27:26 NKJV

Erano's trick here is making Solomon's marriage to the pagan women his only sin. It is not. The graver sin is Solomon had not been faithful to the Lord God because he had gone to the idol gods of his wives (1 Kings 11:5-11). Solomon was allowed by God to marry seven hundred wives and have three hundred concubines. Disfavor by God with Solomon started only when he began to go after the other gods of his pagan wives. Marriage is not prohibited because it is God who had established marriage so that man will be happy and can have companion and helper in life (Gen.2:18,24). The exceptional prohibition was only to the seven nations--the Hittites, Gargashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perrizites, Hivites, and Jebusites, because the Israelites will take their lands. Did Solomon compound his sin by marrying anyone of these prohibited races? Let's read:

"But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of the Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites--from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, and they with you. Surely, they will turn away your hearts after their gods." - 1 Kings 11:1-2 NKJV

Yes, Solomon did take some of the prohibited women, the Hittites. Was Solomon punished by God for his sins? Being a man of God, Solomon's punishment is only a punishment by a loving Father to His son. The punishment is in the future when his son takes over his kingdom. The punishment is splitting his kingdom into two--Israel (northern kingdom) and Judah (southern kingdom). Of course, both kingdoms fell to the Assyrians and Babylonians when their future kings became wicked by introduction of idols leading to their exiles to surrounding areas of the Assyrian and Babylonian empires. Then came the Persian rule of King Cyrus who allowed the Israelites back to their homeland. Then came the Greek rule of Alexander the Great. Then came the long Roman rule starting in 63 B.C.

The case of Solomon having many wives -

Solomon, son of King David and Bathsheba, ascended the throne as king of the Israelites through coup d'etat. He had sidetracked his older brothers Adonijah and Joab. He had an illustrious reign as king. As king he facilitated alliances by marrying the princesses of other tribes of surrounding nations including marrying the Pharaoh's daughter. Solomon is credited for building the huge Jerusalem Temple. Unfortunately, he built also the temples of his pagan wives' idols. His harem were his 700 wives and 300 concubines. The difference of a wife and a concubine is that a wife has a higher class because King Solomon had married her while the concubine, he didn't.

Having many wives or many husbands is called polygamy. Polygamy is allowed by God during the early times (before Christ) because of four reasons: First, it was commanded by God to reproduce and multiply (Gen.1:22), second, God wanted man to be happy by having companion and helper comparable to him (Gen.2:18), third, it was not one of the ten commandments forbidding more than one wife, fourth, there is no adultery if the woman is your wife or the woman concubine is on paid service. Solomon can afford to pay because he was one of the richest rulers. The other Bible people who had more than one wife (or husband) are: Lamech (Gen.4:19), Jacob (Gen.29:15-25), Esau (Gen.26:24;28:9), Tamar (Gen.38:6-10), Gideon (Judges 8:30), Samuel (1Sam.1:1-2), Saul (1Sam.14:50;2Sam.3:7), and the Samaritan woman (Jn.4:6-19).

What about after Christ (A.D.)? Is polygamy and concubinage allowed? They are only allowed in three instances: First, you must not be a church elder (Ti.1:6), or a bishop (1 Tim.3:2), or a deacon (1 Tim.3:12). Second, if not prohibited by the law of the land. Remember that all present governments are approved by God (Rom.13:1-3). Third, if you want to be punished by God then exchange your love of God with the love of such lusts of the flesh (1 Jn.2:15-16; 1Cor.6:9-10; Gal.5:16). If your body is one flesh with Christ, it should not be joined with a harlot; otherwise, your garment becomes dirtied subjecting you for God's punishment.

Therefore, Manalo can not use the privilege of Solomon because Solomon was born before Christ. Is Manalo born in B.C.? No. Supposing Felix says he was born in B.C. (trying to beat the prohibition against bishops)? Well, he is therefore, the serpent or the devil. But supposing Felix says he is the messenger of God, is he not entitled? No, he is not.

12. On 1 John 2:15 - Loving non members is loving the world?

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." -1Jn.2:15 NKJV

The deceiver Erano is making non members become the world, commanding his members not to love them. This is absolutely a perversion of the verse and a teaching of the devil. The context of the word "world" is not the people. If we will continue to read down the verses, the world is the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. According to Christ, we must love our enemies (Mt.5:44). Therefore, when Erano teaches not to love non members, he is antagonizing Christ. He antagonizes Christ because he is teaching against Christ and for the devil. It is not the people whom we should not love but the lusts and pride of life.

13. On Mt.15:4 - God prohibits elopement?

"For God commanded saying, "Honor your father and your mother, and he who curses father or mother, let him be put to death." – MT 15:4 NKJV

This verse is about honoring and not cursing your father and mother however it is part of a much larger paragraph. Yes it is dishonoring for a person to go against the wishes of their parents and elope however elopement is not directly prohibited. In addition only those who curse their father or mother are to be put to death. This verse is also quoting Ex 20:12. However Jesus Christ in this paragraph of Matthew 15 is refuting the false challenges of the Pharisees. The point that Jesus was making is:

Matthew 15:10 "Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. 11 What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.' ""

It is what comes out of our mouths, such as curses that make us unclean, not about breaking the Old Testament Law.

The true fear of Erano why he prohibits his members from marrying non members is that their spouses will pluck the INC members out of the Iglesia prison. What is the result if INC members are freed from the Iglesia clutches? Manalo's money collections will surely decrease. Have we not taken this up that Manalo is only interested in the members' monies?

Felix compounded his disrespect to the law of God by using 2 Cor.6:14 as his biblical authority in commanding members not to join any labor unions. Let's obtain a simpler translation of the verse which is the TEV to see if joining the labor unions is prohibited:

"Do not try to work together as equals with unbelievers, for it cannot be done. How can right and wrong be partners? How can light and darkness live together? How can Christ and the Devil agree? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? - 2 Cor.6:14-15 TEV

Is there any labor unions mentioned in the verse? None. If working together is a labor union, that should be avoided, Manalo is implying management and labor should not work together. There will be chaos in the work place if employer and employees do not work together. If Manalo will say it's only for the unbelievers we should not work together with, then, Manalo is advocating the labor union should become Iglesia members before joining it. What is this? A return to the dark ages of inquisition? If you are not a member of the Iglesia of Manalo, you can not be employed? Probably, the ultimate goal of the INC religion is to give an option to non Iglesia people to join their false religion or die just like what had happened in the inquisition days.

The Bible says we are in this world and need protection in it, but we are not to be of it. We have to work with unbelievers otherwise none of us would have any jobs or professions.

John 17:15 (New International Version)

"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 34

Lesson 22 – On Baptism - Part 1

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Q. What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No.22 and what are its fallacies?

A. The following is an excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 22:

"LESSON NO.22 - ON BAPTISM

Theme: Baptism is necessary for one to become a disciple of Christ.

Summary: The Church of Christ believes that baptism is necessary for one to become a disciple of Christ and for the attainment of eternal salvation. But this should be done in accordance with the teachings of the Bible." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo,1989,p.89)

Fallacies of this Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No.22 -

Manalo says baptism is necessary for one to become a disciple of Christ. Based on this representation by him, we can safely say that Felix Y. Manalo is therefore not a disciple of Christ. Why? Because Felix Y. Manalo was never baptized in the Iglesia ni Cristo. If he was, why could not his son provide the evidence as to name of baptizer, date and time of baptism, and document of the baptism?

Manalo's baptism teaching is of a different gospel as it is the result of additions and subtractions from what are written in the Bible. In fact, Manalo's baptism and his reference materials were stolen from another older false religion. We will examine all these fallacies and deceptions of Manalo.

MEANING OF BAPTISM

"The words "baptize" and "baptism" are simply Greek words transferred into English. This was necessarily done by the translators of the Scriptures, for no literal translation could properly express all that is implied in them. The mode of baptism can in no way be determined from the Greek word rendered "baptize." Baptists say that it means "to dip", and nothing else. That is an incorrect view of the meaning of the word. It means both:

- (1) to dip a thing into an element or liquid, and
- (2) to put an element or liquid over or on it.

Nothing therefore as to the mode of baptism can be concluded from the mere word used. The word has a wide latitude of meaning, not only in the New Testament, but also in the LXX Version of the Old Testament, where it is used of the ablutions and baptisms required by the Mosaic law. These were effected by immersion, by effusion and by sprinkling; and the same word, "washings" (Heb.9:10,13,19,21) or "baptisms", designates them all." (Easton Bible Dictionary)

Therefore, baptism is done not exclusively by immersion, but was done also by effusion and sprinkling. The nearest equivalent of the Greek word "baptizo" is washings and the major element of it is water.

WHY WATER IS THE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF ALL BAPTISMS

- 1) Noah and family baptized through flood water...1 Pet.3:20;
- 2) Moses was baptized in cloud and sea water...1 Cor.10:2;
- 3) John the Baptist baptizes with water...Jn.1:26;
- 4) Christ's washing of water by the word...Eph.5:26;
- 5) Baptism by fire thru sufferings in the lake of fire... Rev.20:15.

THE OLD AND NEW BAPTISM

There are two baptisms: the old and the new. Which are these two baptisms?

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." -Mt.3:11 NKJV

Therefore, the old baptism is the baptism by John the Baptist called baptism with water unto repentance and the new baptism is baptism by Jesus Christ called baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire. Whereas John the Baptist baptizes with literal water, Jesus Christ baptizes with His words which are living waters (Jn.4:10). The old washing or baptism is only symbolical for the baptism or washing of sins to come through the blood of Jesus Christ (Heb.9:9-12).

HOW BAPTISM IS A COMBINED WORK OF THE TRINITY -

The Father calls His people whom He likes to save (Rom.9:15). He gives them to Jesus Christ (Jn.17:2). Jesus Christ baptizes them with the Holy Spirit upon believing Jesus Christ (Acts 19:2). The Holy Spirit gives them the Father's seal that they are God's children (Eph.1:13). This completes the saving of God's people. Nothing else is required.

BAPTISM WORK BY THE TRINITY SUMMARIZED BY APOSTLE JOHN

"And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one." -1 Jn.5:8 NKJV

The water that gives eternal life symbolizes the Father who gives this water. The blood that redeemed God's people symbolizes the Lord Jesus Christ whose blood was spilled when He offered His body once for all. The Spirit poured to God's people is the Holy Spirit who sealed the children of God.

HOW THE TRINITY OF THE DEVIL BAPTIZES THE DEVIL'S CHILDREN -

The god of this world devil devours his easy preys (1 Pet.5:8). The devil gives his victims to the beast (Rev.13:4). The beast baptizes them in the name of the false prophet (Rev.13:16). The false prophet marks them with the devil's seal that they are the Devil's children (Rev.19:20). In the end, the trinity of the devil (Satan, beast, and false prophet) will be thrown into the lake of fire (Rev.20:10).

Q. What are the deceptions of Manalo incorporated in this Gospel of Manalo doctrine?

A. The following is an introductory excerpt of his doctrines in questions and answers format:

1) "Introduction:

Although many of those who become members of the Church of Christ have been baptized already in their former religions, they should realize that the baptism they received is not the kind commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ because those who administered it have no right to preach and to baptize and those baptized by them cannot receive the blessings associated with the baptism commanded by Christ." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.89)

Manalo is preaching another gospel here. No such statement introduced by Manalo is found in the Scriptures anywhere. In this Manalo introduction, Manalo teaches baptism that were not administered in his own man made religion is worthless, therefore, everyone joining his Iglesia cult must be rebaptized (except of course himself because he has a phobia of water or he is sick of hydrophobia). Silly Manalo wants to be known that he is the only one in the entire world who can administer baptisms. What an arrogant self exaltation. Here we can see that he is a man of the devil who gives glory to himself instead of giving glory to God (Jn.7:18).

CONTINUING MANALO'S DECEPTIONS -

2) "Q. What should be done to those who are being made disciples, according to Christ's command?

A. Baptize them...Mt.28:19 RSV

Note: For one to be a disciple of Christ, he cannot avoid being baptized.

3) Q. What other blessing is given by the true baptism?

A. Forgiveness of sins...Acts 2:38

4) Q. What did Christ assure those who receive the true baptism?

A. Salvation...Mk.16:16-16

Conclusion: Therefore, it is vital that we receive the true baptism so that not only will we become disciples of Christ but also have our sins forgiven and attain salvation."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.89-90)

EXPLANATION OF MANALO'S DECEPTIONS -

2. On Matthew 28:19 RSV

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," -Mt.28:19 RSV

Manalo is not following this command of Christ. Baptism should be in the name of the Trinity, which according to the verse is "in the name (singular name) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Baptism should be in the name of the Trinity as ordered by Christ. You cannot be a disciple if you are not baptized in the name of the Trinity. It is about right that Manalo and his members are not disciples of Christ because they don't recognize or subscribe to the Trinity. To them, the Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit do not belong to the Trinity. If Manalo insists there is no Trinity, then, he has to find another Bible version that says "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father only."

If Manalo cuts out Jesus Christ from the Trinity, what do you think will the Lord Jesus Christ do to him knowing of the scissorman's penchant for cutting out the words of God? Also what do you think will the Holy Spirit do to Felix Y. Manalo for snipping Him out of the Trinity? For sure, it will be troubles for Manalo. If Felix Y. Manalo's name is also snipped out by Christ and Manalo's snipping habit sins are will no longer be forgiven by the Holy Spirit, don't you think Manalo will be facing hellish troubles?

Being a disciple of Christ has nothing to do with salvation. Baptism has nothing to do with salvation.

3) On Acts 2:38 -

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." -Acts 2:38 NKJV

It seems Apostle Peter had changed which name should people be baptized from the Trinity name to Jesus Christ's name. There is no change here. What Apostle Peter was referring to here is the name of the baptizer ("let every one of you BE BAPTIZED"). The baptizer's name is Jesus Christ (Jn.1:33). Therefore, if the disciple of Christ is the baptizer, it should be in the name of the Trinity. If the baptizer is Jesus Christ, it is in the name of Jesus Christ. Supposing the baptizer is the devil, to what name do you think the baptized is in name of? Common sense, he or she is in the name of the devil, the baptizer.

This verse is a two part verse, notice the semicolon? The first command is, repent. The second command is to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ which the results are the reception of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. People misread this verse. They read that one needs to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins but that is not what the verse says. It is by the name of Jesus Christ that is the remission of sins. It is in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins that we are baptized under. But being baptized does not grant us remission of sins because it is through Jesus Christ that the remission happens.

This verse teaches that one must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, of whom our sins are remised, and by doing so we will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Not the Holy Spirit himself, but only the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF CHRIST-

Who are the people who are baptized in the name of Christ? If we will continue reading the next verse, it applies only to those who are called by God. Those who are called by God are only of two groups namely, Jews and Gentiles. Let's read the verse:

"For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." -Acts 2:39 NKJV

The first group described as "to you and to your children," are the Jews (Jn.4:22) and their half Jews Samaritan children (Acts 8:12,25). The second group described as "to all who are afar off," are the Gentiles (Acts 13:47).

Where is the third group of Manalo? It is not mentioned. A third group that is not mentioned, do you think they are called by God, too? For example, there are only two winners to a contest and the names of the two winners are published in the newspapers and your name is not included, do you think you are also a winner? No! Therefore, since Manalo's creation is not one of the two groups called by God and published in Acts 2:39, their sins were never remitted nor did they receive the Holy Spirit.

Manalo cannot split the two groups into three groups because that would be tampering the testament of God. If you will tamper the last will and testament of somebody here on earth to include your name as one of the heirs, you will be caught because the document itself will show the alterations. To tamper the verse, which is, to make the two groups into three, Manalo will place a comma after "to you", and also make erasures of the words "afar off" replacing it with Far East Philippines. The Manalo tampered verse will now appear as follows:

"For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are xxx xxx Far East Philippines."

Is it not visible the Manalo tamperings? Of course, the tamperings are ultra visible. The placed comma has no more space while the crossed out words are eye sores. If you didn't see the tamperings, you already had been bitten by the snake.

4) On Mark 16:15-16 -

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." -Mk.16:15-16 NKJV

Does Felix Y. Manalo meet the requirements of the verse in order to be saved?

Requirement #1 - Go into all the world -

FYM did not meet this requirement. Why? Did Christ ever order "Go into all the Iglesia chapels to preach the gospel"? No! The order is to go into the entire world. The world is not the Iglesia chapels.

Requirement #2 - and preach the gospel -

Which gospel is this? If we will read Rom.1:16-17, the gospel is gospel of Christ. What about Manalo? What gospel does he preach? He can not claim he is also preaching the gospel of Christ because if he will do that, he will need to garbage his gospel of Manalo book called "Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo". Can any minister of the Iglesia preach the gospel without the Gospel of Manalo book touching his elbow? No! He can't do that. He has nothing to preach if he doesn't have that book! Therefore, Manalo does not meet this second requirement of preaching the gospel of Christ because he is preaching another gospel---his own gospel.

Requirement #3 - He who believes -

Whom should we believe here? In John 14:1, the Lord Jesus taught to believe in Him and His Father. What is it that we should believe in Jesus Christ? We should believe that He is God's last days messenger (Heb.1:1-2) and to accept the claims of Jesus Christ (Jn 8:21 / Jn 10:30). What about in the Iglesia ni Cristo? Who is their last days messenger of God? They believe in their heart it is Felix Y. Manalo. Even if they doze off somewhere else, if you wake them up, you will be frightened with their loose tongue---"Felix Y. Manalo is the last days messenger of God!" Now that Felix is dead, his son Erano became their second last days messenger of God. There could not be two or three messengers of God. Let's read the verse if there are two or three last days messengers of God:

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds." Heb.1:1-2 NKJV

How many last days messengers of God are there? The verse says, "has in these LAST DAYS spoken to us by His Son..." Therefore, there is only one last day's messenger of God---His Son. The verse did not say, "His Sons," to make more than one last days messengers of God. If Jesus Christ is the only last day's messenger of God, naturally, Felix Y. Manalo and his son Erano, are fakes.

What is the conclusion here now that we know that the Iglesia ni Cristo does not meet any of the requirements of the command of the Lord Jesus Christ on baptism? The conclusion is that the Iglesia religion is not of Christ. If not of Christ, this religion is of the devil. Manalo's commission to bring darkness by spreading the Gospel of Manalo is from the devil. Is there salvation if you are of the devil? Absolutely not!

Now please tell me if you see the words baptism in any of these verses. If baptism in the name of the Trinity was a requirement for salvation, something so important, why would it have been left out if it was required?

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Acts 2:21

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Acts 16:29-31

29The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

If baptism was a requirement for salvation then it would have been listed along side of believing. As you can see, that is not the case. Baptism is very important as you will unlock the gifts of the spirit. However one is baptized because they are saved, they are not baptized to become saved.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 35

Lesson 22 – On Baptism - Part 2

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"On the mode of baptism

5. Q. Which baptism commanded by Christ did the Apostles preach?

A. Baptism unto death...Rom.6:3 NIV

6. Q. Why is the baptism preached by the Apostles called baptism unto death?

A. We have been united with him in His death...Rom.6:5 NIV

7. Q. How do we become united with Him in His death?

A. By means of baptism...Rom.6:4 NIV

8. Q. Thus, where is the true baptism done?

A. Where there is plenty of water...Jn.3:23 NIV

9. Q. Why is a lot of water needed for the performance of the true baptism?

A. Because both the baptizer and the person to be baptized will go into the water...Acts 8:38
(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.90)

EXPLANATION OF THE DECEPTIONS OF MANALO -

5. On Romans 6:3 NIV - Baptism commanded is baptism unto death?

"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"

The baptism teaching of Manalo is a wrong gospel of baptism. He is teaching a baptism unto death. This teaching is not the teaching of the Apostle Paul. The real baptism teaching of the Apostle is BAPTISM INTO CHRIST JESUS! Reread the verse. This is the true baptism. This baptism into Christ Jesus is also being united into Jesus Christ (Verse 5). This true baptism is in accord with the gospel of Christ and is more comprehensive than Manalo's false limited gospel of baptism unto death.

If you have received the true baptism, meaning, if you have received baptism into Christ Jesus, no matter what Jesus underwent, you are always with Him. When Jesus Christ was crucified, since you are united with Him through baptism, you are crucified too. When Jesus Christ was buried, what happened to you also, you being united with Christ? That's right; you are buried too with Him. And when Jesus Christ got resurrected, what happened also to you? That's right; you are also resurrected together with Christ. So what is baptism then? Baptism is being united with Christ's flesh and bones body.

6. On Rom.6:5 - Called baptism unto death because we were united unto His death?

"If we reread Romans 6:3, the baptism is not baptism unto death, but, baptism into Christ Jesus! This Felix Manalo is terrible in understanding the Scripture. The verse says the baptism is into Christ Jesus, but, here he comes trying to push his erroneous baptism unto death perverting the Scripture. It is not baptism unto death! IT IS BAPTISM INTO CHRIST JESUS! Let's read another verse to make this point clear:

"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." -Gal.3:26 NKJV

Did you read "baptized unto death" or did you read "baptized into Christ"?

Who was buried in baptism if you were baptized into Jesus Christ? Was it you or was it Christ? It was Christ, not you! It is Christ who is doing the work for you. Supposing Christ was not buried, where would you be? Would you be buried if Christ was not buried?

7. On Rom.6:4 NIV- We become united with Christ's death through baptism?

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

We become united with Christ only if we are baptized into Christ Jesus. If you are baptized into Felix Manalo's Church of Christ, will you be united with Christ? Never! How about being baptized by somebody in the name of the Father only disregarding Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit? What do you think? Smacks will be forthcoming not only in this life but also in the life to come for being disrespectful and for demoting Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. The smacks in this life are the sufferings of being condemned to make money deposits throughout your lifetime to a false religion and your body taken over by imprisoning your mind reducing you to a mere machine or zombie.

What about if Manalo baptizes you into the name of the Trinity? Will you now be united with Christ? This is a Manalo trick. He doesn't care about lying to you as long as he can get your body, soul, and mind into his Church of Christ. In such instance, ask yourself this question:

"If this Manalo is really baptizing me into Jesus Christ's flesh and bones body, then why am I being added to his Church of Christ body instead of Jesus Christ?"

8. On John 3:23 NIV - True baptism done in plenty of water?

"Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized."

The important element of baptism is water. But plenty of water is not required. Did the verse say, "You must be baptized in plenty of water"? No! The verse only related that John the Baptist had baptized people at Aenon near Salim where there was plenty of water because people, lots of people were constantly coming to be baptized. Aenon is the last place where John had baptized people. Aenon is a place of fountains or other waters near it and located two miles west of Jordan (Nelson's Bible Dictionary, p.581). Therefore, plenty of water refers to many sources of water. Just a question, can you be immersed or be totally submerged in water on fountains? No! Have you seen fountains? Fountains can either be natural--a spring of water coming out from the ground, or artificial fountain--a spring of water from pipes constructed by man such as what you see in public parks.

A lot of water where you can submerge the one to be baptized is not required. There are many instances where God's people were baptized without plenty of water, to wit:

Eunuch's baptism needed only SOME water...Acts 8:36;
Cornelius and family baptized in his house...Acts 10:22;
Lydia baptized in her house...Acts 16:15;
Jailer and family baptized in jailer's house...Acts 16:33-34.

7. On Acts 8:38 - Lots of water needed for true baptism?

"So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him."

This Manalo is a habitual liar. Was there really lots of water where Philip baptized the eunuch? Let's read the upper verse:

"Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized? -Acts 8:36 NKJV

There was not a lot of water! They came only to SOME water! Can you immerse somebody with only SOME water? Apparently, such water had accumulated in a low section of the ground after some rain. Have you seen a puddle of water? That qualifies to have some water. They went down into that water because it is of lower ground. Water seeks its own level and accumulates at its lowest point.

Q. What are the other deceptions of Manalo regarding baptism?

A. The following are his continuing deceptions:

8. Q. Do Catholic teachers agree that the true baptism is done by immersion?

A. A priest proved it to be so...Cath.Ency.Vol.IIp.261-262

Conclusion: Thus, in the Church of Christ, baptism is done by immersion in water because this is the manner taught by the Bible and even Catholic priests agree that this is so.

9. Q. Why is the baptism done in the Catholic Church different?

A. They changed it...Faith of Our Fathers p.228(213)

10. Q. What is wrong if we change the commandment of God by addition and subtraction from what He has commanded?

A. Adding to or subtracting from His commandment is sin....Deut.12:32

11. Q. What will happen to those who add to or subtract from what is commanded by God?

A. They will not be saved...Rev.22:18-19"

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,p.91)

EXPLANATION OF THE MANALO DECEPTIONS -

8. On the Catholic Encyclopedia reference -

The Gospel of Manalo is replete with accompanying persecution of the Catholic Church and it is done through inaccurate quoting. In this instance, Manalo blames the Catholic Church why immersion baptism is not being done. How does Manalo play his tricks in the use of Catholic references? Let's read his dishonest quotation:

"The very word 'baptize', as we have seen, means a washing.....The most ancient form usually employed was unquestionably immersion. This is not only evident from the writings of the Fathers and the early rituals of both the Latin and Oriental Churches, but it can also be gathered from the Epistles of St. Paul, who speaks of baptism as a bath (Eph.v.26;Rom.vi.4;Tit.iii.5). In the Latin Church, immersion seems to have prevailed until the twelfth century." (Catholic Encyclopedia, edited by C.G.Gerbermann. NY,1913,pp.261-262)

Deceiver Manalo has omitted important portions of the reference. Why do you think Manalo snipped out those portions of the Catholic Encyclopedia? The deceiver wants to hide something in order to fool you. Which portions are omitted? Let's read what were omitted. Those omitted are those enclosed with brackets for emphasis:

"[The proximate matter of baptism is the ablution with water.] The very word "baptize", as we have seen, means washing. [Three forms of ablution have prevailed among Christians, and the Church holds them all to be valid because they fulfill the requisite signification of the baptismal laving. These forms are immersion, infusion, and aspersion.] The most ancient form usually employed was unquestionably immersion. This is not only evident from the writings of the Fathers and the early rituals of both the Latin and Oriental Churches, but it can also be gathered from the Epistles of St. Paul, who speaks of baptism as a bath, etc..." (Catholic Encyclopedia, pp.261-261)

Which were omitted by Deceiver Manalo? He omitted the first sentence that the proximate matter of baptism is ablution of water. And he omitted a major part of the reference. Which is this? It is the portion where it says that there are three forms of baptisms done by the Christians, namely immersion, infusion, and aspersion. Infusion is pouring of water while aspersion is sprinkling of water. Why is it that infusion or pouring and aspersion or sprinkling are as valid as is in immersion? They are valid because the important element of baptism is water. Do you use water in infusion and aspersion as you use water in immersion? Yes! All three forms use water.

BAPTISM BY SPRINKLING IS BIBLICAL

Is baptism by sprinkling found in the Bible? Absolutely! Let's read:

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols." -Ezek.36:25 NKJV

BAPTISM BY POURING IS BIBLICAL

Is baptism by pouring found in the Bible?
Absolutely! Let's read:

"But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done; but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior." -Titus 3:4-6 NKJV

Therefore, baptism by Christ is accomplished by pouring the Holy Spirit. There is no doubt pouring is a mode of baptism. If the Holy Spirit can be poured, more so with water.

What can we say of Manalo now that his dishonest tricks in the use of Catholic references are exposed to the world? The only conclusion is that poor Felix and Son are preaching the gospel of the antichrist. His conclusion that the Christians had done baptism by immersion only is a total lie. What kind of baptism can be done in houses such as the houses of Cornelius, Lydia, and the jailer of Apostle Paul? Of the three modes of baptisms, the immersion mode is not possible because there were not rivers inside their houses back in the First Century as it is in our 21st Century. Therefore, what was used was either sprinkling or pouring.

Practicality, convenience, and feasibility are always taken into account in using the three modes of baptism. When is immersion not feasible? What about if the individual to be baptized is dying or sick? Are you going to submerge the dying person in water? On a sick patient living on oxygen, are you going to drag and submerge the poor guy with his oxygen caddy in water? Absolutely not! If the patient dies, you as a leader had done such a foolish thing that you will be accused of malpractice of religion or even quackery.

9. On use of Faith of our Fathers Catholic reference -

"For several centuries after the establishment of Christianity Baptism was usually conferred by immersion; but since the twelfth century the practice of baptizing by infusion has prevailed in the Catholic Church, as this manner is attended with less inconvenience than Baptism by immersion."
James Cardinal Gibbons, The Faith of Our Fathers, NY, PJ Kennedy & Sons, 1917"

If Manalo could not be trusted in his using of Catholic references, how could we trust again a liar? As we pointed out from the Catholic Encyclopedia, immersion was not the only baptism practiced by the Christians in the first century. Aspersions and infusion baptisms were also practiced. Manalo uses tricks through inaccurate quoting of the Catholic reference as if there were no aspersions and infusion baptism when in fact there were. Only that he blanked them out from his quotation. Cunning as you know what. If you reread the quoted Faith of our Fathers reference, immersion was not done 100% because it is termed "usually". Therefore, there were occasions where immersions were not done.

Total immersion as a personal step of dedication towards Jesus Christ is more so than a pouring or sprinkling however in terms of the Holy Spirit, it is what is in a person's head and heart that counts most.

ORIGIN OF MANALO'S IMMERSION BAPTISM

Now, let's go to the origin or source of Manalo's immersion baptism teaching. Let's read a book titled, "Finding Peace Within," by Ellen G. White, et.al,p.169-170:

"Why was John baptizing in the wilderness?

"And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized." John 3:23

Note: John needed "much water" to baptize. The practice of sprinkling or pouring for baptism crept into the church during the twelfth century A.D. History preserves this record: "For several centuries after the establishment of Christianity, baptism was usually conferred by immersion; but since the twelfth century, the practice of baptism by infusion (pouring) has prevailed in the Catholic Church, as this manner is attended with less inconvenience than baptism by immersion. The Church exercises her discretion in adopting the most convenient modes, according to the circumstances of time and place." James Cardinal Gibbons, Faith of Our Fathers,94th Edition,pg.277 (emphasis supplied)."

Manalo is caught red handed stealing the doctrines of the SDA. As what is found in this book of the Seventh Day Adventists (SDA), the immersion baptism doctrine is owned by Ellen G. White, the prophetess of the Seventh Day Adventists and former boss and employer of Felix Y. Manalo. How was Felix Y. Manalo able to access the doctrines of the SDA? Felix Manalo was a former SDA evangelist or propagandist; therefore, he had in his possessions all the books and materials in propagating the SDA. Besides doctrines of the SDA, what else did he steal from Ellen White? It is the SDA's method of evangelizing in questions and Bible answer format. So, what can we conclude about Felix Y. Manalo's Iglesia ni Cristo religion? The Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ of Manalo is a DAUGHTER OF THE SDA! How do we determine if one is the daughter of a mother? Through DNA or transferred genes to the daughter. This is called DNA fingerprint.

Which Seventh Day Adventists' DNA is found in the Iglesia ni Cristo? The DNA of converting Catholics by disparaging the Catholic Church! The DNA of organizational structure where members are split into cells, and the DNA of delivery of propagating its doctrines in question and Bible answer formats. Having found the mother's DNA present in Manalo's Iglesia ni Cristo man made religion; we just identified the mother of the Iglesia. Therefore, the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ of Felix Y. Manalo is the DAUGHTER OF THE SDA.

ERANO G. MANALO'S MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION

Apparently, Erano, son of Felix, is not content with the INC being just a daughter of SDA. Erano has dreams of grandeur. He wants a promotion of the daughter. A promotion from being a daughter of SDA to a daughter of ZION! What a magnificent obsession indeed. Unfortunately, he won't attain his dreams because he has no Jewish blood but only SDA chromosomes. Besides, he is blocked by his father Felix who made the INC a third group rather than the first group Jews. And lastly, the name Zion is Jerusalem (Nelson's Bible Dictionary,p.767).

10. On Deut. 12:32 NKJV - Catholic Church added and subtracted from God's teaching of baptism by immersion?

"Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it, you shall not add to it nor take away from it."

What is the command about baptism? According to Christ, they should be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt.28:19). Who added or who subtracted from this command? When Manalo deleted and removed the names of the Son and the Holy Spirit, what is that? That is subtraction! According to Apostle Paul, baptism should be into Christ Jesus (Rom.6:3), but what did Manalo do? Manalo changed it into baptism unto death. Christ was subtracted while death was added. What is that? That is addition and subtraction! When the eunuch was baptized using SOME water and Manalo says the eunuch was immersed in that water, what is that? Addition of the word "immersion" and subtraction of the word "some". When the Catholic Encyclopedia says "three forms of ablution have prevailed among Christians," but Manalo snipped out those sentences, what is that? That is subtraction!

11. On Rev. 22:18-19 NKJV - Those who add or subtract to God's command will not be saved!

"For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

Felix Y. Manalo's punishment was pronounced by himself. What are the punishments for Felix Manalo for his willful addition and subtraction misdeeds? Due to his subtraction or taking away of the words of God, his part in the holy city will also be taken away. And due to his additions to the words of God, God will add plagues to him. Being a pathological deceiver as he is, he not only takes away the words of God, but takes away also the words of Catholic authors! If Manalo's part in the holy city is taken away, where would be his part? He has to have some part somewhere else, right? Before we will read his part, let's enumerate his unrighteous deeds:

1. He had added to the words of God (PERVERSION OF THE BIBLE DEEDS);
2. He has lied that the eunuch was immersed in some water. He has lied that immersion was the only baptism done by the Christians (LYING DEEDS);
3. He had stolen the SDA baptism doctrine (STEALING DEED).

Let's read now where his part is:

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." - Rev.21:8 NKJV

Can you find any of the misdeeds of Manalo included in the verse? It says, "and all liars", therefore, Manalo's lying deed is included. His part therefore is in the lake of fire with brimstone.

Probably, Manalo will exhale a sigh of relief because his two other misdeeds are not included. Well, let see in the other verse:

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." -1 Cor.6:9-10 NKJV

Did you find Manalo's other two misdeeds included? The verse says, "nor thieves", therefore, his stealing or thievery misdeed is included. Manalo will not inherit the kingdom of God as a result of his stealing misdeed.

What about his perversion of the Bible misdeed? This is included in the term "unrighteous". The verse says, "the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God...", therefore, he is barred from entering heaven. By the way, is perversion of the Bible a righteous deed or unrighteous deed? It is unrighteous deed! There is no escape for Manalo.

The most absolute troubling part is, all of the INC members who believe all the lies of the Manalo's are potentially lost into hell. Felix and Son, due to their greed for money, power and control, are sacrificing all of the eternal lives of their members to get it. I hope God has mercy on the INC members.

However, there is one group of the INC members that God will not have mercy on. Those members, deacons, and ministers who have read this expose and other truths about Jesus Christ and the INC, if they still continue to reject Jesus Christ, they have made their choice for the spirit of the antichrist.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 36

Lesson 22 – On Baptism - Part 3

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"Who should be baptized

11. Q. Who should be baptized according to the Bible?

A. Those who are taught and who believe...Nk.16:15-16

12. Q. What else is expected from the candidate for baptism?

A. Repentance of his sins...Acts 2:38

13. Q. What is sin?

A. Transgression of the law...1 Jn.3:4

Conclusion: Thus, in the Church of Christ, an infant is not baptized because it cannot believe yet and has not transgressed any law and therefore, has nothing to repent.

14. Q. What is done to the infants in the Church of Christ?

A. They are prayed for or offered...Mt.19:13-14 RSV

Instruction: Do not allow your children to be baptized or confirmed in other religions. If you are already baptized, offer them so that they may be prayed for if they are not yet ready to listen to teachings. (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ)...p.93)

EXPLANATION OF MANALO'S DECEPTIONS -

11. On Mk.16:15-16 NKJV- Those who are baptized are those who are taught and who believe?

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

The verse is a command to preach the gospel, believing, and baptizing. It is never a command to teach, but, a command to preach. Secondly we have already covered the meaning of this verse above.

Which gospel is this that should be preached? It is the gospel of Christ (Rom.1:16). Who should we believe then if it is the gospel of Christ? That's right, it is Jesus Christ. What about in the Iglesia ni Cristo? The Iglesia ni Cristo has a different gospel. It is not preaching, but, teaching. In teaching, there are doctrines of the devil to teach, there are screenings, and there are worship attendance trials. What about concerning the faith? Whom should those who received the gospel of Christ believe? Naturally, they believe the one whom the gospel is named after--Jesus Christ. What about in the Iglesia ni Cristo? Does Manalo teach to believe Jesus Christ? Let's read his teaching written as a note to his doctrine. What is to be believed is given emphasis:

"Note: One must first be taught and he should be sure the HE BELIEVES WHAT HE HAS BEEN TAUGHT before he can be baptized..."

Therefore, what is to be believed in the Iglesia doctrine is that what has been taught to the indoctrinee. Who is the one teaching the indoctrinee? The teacher is the writer of the Iglesia doctrines who is no other than Felix Y. Manalo as revised by his son, Erano G. Manalo. So, who is to be believed is Felix Y. Manalo.

HOW THE TRUE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS PREACHED

Mark 16:15 says, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel..." how is preaching the gospel of Christ done? Does it involve a lot of time in studying the doctrines, tests, screenings, and worship attendance trials for six months?

Let's read how it was done:

"And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized." -Acts 16:3--33 NKJV

The passage is about the conversion of Apostle Paul's Philippian jailer. As you can see, the preaching of the gospel of Christ to the jailer and household took only ONE HOUR. We can see that Manalo's concoction is too far off track. Compare the six months waiting time for the Iglesia indoctrinees in order to be baptized against the one hour wait by the believers of Christ. There is no comparison as it is not even close. The believers of Christ are already enjoying while Manalo's believers are still laboring and being punished by Manalo. Right away, we can see the difference between the true gospel and Manalo's gospel. We can see the difference between a true church and the false church of Manalo.

For curiosity's sake, what was the Lord's word spoken to those being saved? We need to know this in order to have an idea if it takes really one hour for one to be saved. Get your watch ready. The passage is Apostle Peter's preaching of Jesus to Cornelius, a Centurion of the Italian regiment, who was given mercy by God to receive salvation. GET SET...READY...BEGIN!

"Then Peter opened his mouth and said, "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all--that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before God, even us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people, and testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and dead. To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins. While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word." (Acts 10:34-44 NKJV) STOP! CHECK YOUR WATCH!

How long it took you to hear the preaching of the word? It is not even five minutes! Therefore, one hour is about right. The one hour includes the washing of the stripes of Apostle Paul and Barnabas and baptism by sprinkling or pouring of water to the jailer and his family.

12. On Acts 2:38 NKJV - Those to be baptized need repentance of sins?

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

The context of the word 'repentance' is not repentance of sins. Why? Jesus Christ had already paid for the sins when He died to sin once for all (Rom.6:19). There is no need to repent for your sins when it was paid already. Supposing you have a debt of P100,000 and it was paid by somebody already, will you still beat your heart and cry for your miserable condition? No more! Then, what is the context of the word "repentance"? The repentance is turning from your own selfish ways. Previously, you have been doing something for your own self, but, from now on, you will do good things for Christ. You should also reject all old opinions and attitudes about Jesus Christ and accept Him for what He declared Himself to be. Since He declared He is both Man (Son of Man) and God (Son of God), you should accept that. Is that a hard thing to do? Okay, if you chose the hard way and you have chosen Christ is only a man not God, you will surely be in lots of trouble and you can not sleep at night. It is impossible to defend your faith because there are many verses in the Bible that testify that Jesus Christ is God. Does that mean that you are playing safe by accepting Jesus Christ is both Man and God? Not at all! You accept it because what He says is the truth (Jn.14:6). When He declared "I am the Son of God (Jn.10:36), He is God because God begets God. Christ is the only begotten Son of God (Jn.3:16). Have you seen a species that begets another species or an apple begetting an orange? No!

13. On 1 Jn.3:4 NKJV - Sin is transgression of the law?

"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness."

God's people do not sin because they are born of God (1 Jn.3:9) while children of the devil do sin because the devil has sinned from the beginning (1 Jn.3:8). How did God's people become born of God? Let's read:

"Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God." -Jn.3:5 NKJV

God's people were born when they were reborn of water (baptism or washing by the words of God) and the Spirit (renewing by the Holy Spirit). So why do people of God not sin? Their sins were washed and became new creatures united with Christ who is sinless and besides, the Holy Spirit is always with them.

What about the children of the devil? Why do they always sin? Because their father is the devil who is a habitual sinner. Why do Iglesia ni Cristo members always sin? Every time they pray in their chapels, they go:

"God, forgive us God from our many trespasses. Cleanse us God from all our unrighteousness..we are ashamed to face you God...cover our many sins with your love..."

What kind of prayer is this? It is the prayer of the children of the devil. They cannot stop from sinning because they have the nature of their devil father who is a habitual sinner from the beginning up to now. The Iglesia ni Cristo ministers use this tool of sin guilt to control their members and keep them in line.

ARE INFANTS FREE FROM ORIGINAL SIN?

Manalo says there is not a need to baptize infants because they cannot believe as yet and have not transgressed any law, so, there is nothing to repent. Is this true? Let's see now if infants are free of original sin. Let's read:

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed where there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come." -Rom.5:12-14 NKJV

So everyone who is born has sin in them. However as we have already discussed, freedom and resurrection from sin has nothing to do with baptism, only the belief and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal savior. It is true that only when a person is capable of knowing God, can they then choose to accept or reject Him and only God knows and can judge this.

14. On Mt.19:13-14 NKJV - are infants to be prayed and offered in the Iglesia chapels?

"Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Were the children offered in the verse? No! What Christ did was He held them, laid His hands on them, and blessed them (Mk.10:16). Therefore, Manalo perverted the verse when he required little children to be offered as human sacrifices. This Manalo has very bad habit. He didn't want to baptize them, but, when it comes to offerings and monies his pouch and pockets are always open as he requires parents to give loose monies to the minister offering the child. The offering of the child is valid for blessings, requiring and charging monies for it, not so much.

Why did Christ say in the verse "of such is the kingdom of God"? It is because innocent children are symbols of humbleness and purity. Those who are humble are the greatest in the kingdom of heaven (Mt.18:2-5)

BAPTISM OF LITTLE CHILDREN DONE BY THE APOSTLES

Did the Apostles baptize infants and little children? Absolutely. When Lydia was baptized, it included her household (Acts 16:14-15). The household includes everyone in her house. Also, when the Philippian jailer was baptized, it included his family (Acts 16:33).

CONTINUING THE FALSE DOCTRINES OF MANALO

"Obligation of those who receive baptism

15. Q. What is the obligation of those who will receive baptism?

A. They should be dead to sin...Rom.6:11 NIV

16. Q. Why should the candidates for baptism be dead to sin?

A. So that the old self may be crucified with Christ...Rom.6:6 NIV

17. Q. What is this old self that should die and share in the death of Christ on the cross?

A. The corrupt way of life...Eph.4:22

18. Q. How do we kill the old self?

A. Mortify the works of the flesh or stay away from its works...Col.3:5,8-9

Instruction: We should prepare ourselves to receive the holy baptism by means of complete renewal of life. Let us leave behind us our old ways which are against the will of God. Let us repent for our sins so that by the time we receive baptism God will forgive us.

19. Q. What does God expect with regard to our way of life after our baptism?

A. Lead a new way of life...Rom.6:4 TEV

20. Q. How can the recipients of the true baptism lead a new way of life?

A. Put Christ on...Gal.3:27

21. Q. How can we put Christ on?

A. Live the faith of Christ...Gal.2:20

22. Q. How can we live the faith of Christ?

A. Acquire the habit of obedience and humility...Phil.2:5,8 RSV
(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo.,p.94)

EXPLANATION OF THE DECEPTIONS

15. On Rom.6:11 NIV - It is an obligation to be dead to sin?

"In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."

This verse is not an obligation. It is the status of one who had died with Christ. When your body died with Christ, are you still able to sin? Look at the corpse, can he still sin? No more! Therefore, dead to sin is not an obligation. It is a fact. Notice the verse says "count yourselves". Counting is an action that one has to take to reach a conclusion. We should always be mindful not to continue in sin but repent from it.

16. On Rom.6:6 NIV - Dead to sin because the old self may be crucified with Christ?

This guy Manalo does not know what he is talking about. The one baptized is dead to sin because he died already with Christ. What the heck is he talking that he may be crucified once already dead? He was crucified already and dead with Christ! This is the true baptism: Baptism is being united with Christ that whatever Christ underwent, you, who are baptized into Him, you experience what Christ experienced spiritually. You have become a part of the body of Christ!

17. On Eph.4:22 NIV - The old self that should die and share in the death of Christ is the corrupt way of life?

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is corrupted by its deceitful desires."

When you were baptized or united with Christ, you have put on Christ but before putting on Christ, you have to put off your former dirty clothes or your former corrupt conduct, also called repentance.

18. On Col.3:5,8-9 - How to kill the old self is mortify the works of the flesh?

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature; sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices."

When you are a new creature, your old clothing (former corrupt conducts) has to be taken off, which can be done through the power of the Holy Spirit. If your old clothing is sexual immorality, burn that clothing. What about if your dirty clothes is idolatry? Take off that idolatry clothes and burn it in your backyard. What about anger, rage or wrath, malice, blasphemy or slander, filthy language and lying? These clothes should all be taken off. These are dirty clothes and should not be worn again.

19. On Rom.6:4 TEV - God expects you to lead a new way of life?

"By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we must live a new life."

Oops, what is this leading a new life that you are talking about? The bible says, "live a new life" Felix, don't ever ever change the words of God. New life can only be led by God (Ezek.36:26). We can lead a quiet life but not lead a new life. No matter what our past is, through the power of God (by the Holy Spirit) we can live a new life, putting away the old, by following the will and direction of God.

20. On Gal.3:27 - Recipients of true baptism lead a new life by putting on Christ?

"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Lead a new life? STOP THE PERVERSION FELIX! Pronounce LIVE five times. LIVE-LIVE-LIVE-LIVE-LIVE. Now repeat this phrase: BAPTISM INTO CHRIST-BAPTISM INTO CHRIST-BAPTISM INTO CHRIST. Hopefully, your baptism unto death will die.

21. On Gal. 2:20 - We can put on Christ by living the faith of Christ?

"I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Living the faith (which would be a requirement) is not the same as living by faith (which is a guideline). We are currently living in the flesh with our faith by us giving us strength to fight the good fight. (2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.") Most unbiblical organizations place more emphasis and important on words or verses to justify their legalistic and mind controlling dogmas.

22. On Phil.2:5,8 - To live the faith of Christ is to acquire the habit of obedience and humility?

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,... And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

Who are these people who should have the mind of Christ? It is only those who are baptized into Christ Jesus. Whom is Christ obedient to? It is towards his Father. But Felix Manalo wants to take the place of God by requiring Iglesia members to obey him with humility. What evil deed is this? This evil deed is called commandeering the words of Apostle Paul. This is also an unrighteous deed in which the punishment is expulsion from the kingdom of God (1 Cor.6:9-10)

Why would Felix quote this verse at all? We can see he is blind to it. The verse says "and being found in appearance as a man"!

How is it possible, logical and rational, for a person who is already a man, to be found in the appearance as a man? That is a repetitive phrase which is bad grammar. Do you think that God would use bad grammar? No! It was GOD HIMSELF, who humbled himself, and was manifested in the flesh as a human being, but all along, always was and always is, God.

In fact Philippians teaches us that Jesus Christ in his very nature is God.

Philippians 2:5 "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,"

Not only is Jesus Christ, in his very nature, God, while on earth, He could have grabbed it at anytime he wanted to.

To summarize, Felix and Son by drawing out this talk about the necessities and requirements for baptism for salvation, are only attempting to do one thing. Control you. This is not their only technique for mind, body, and soul control. 90% of all unbiblical organizations like the INC and International Church of Christ, and others, they all concoct a special baptismal procedure that one must adhere to and then, walla, in only their special religion which they are the only ones to perform their special baptism, is one actually saved.

However, we have already proven, baptism is not a requirement for salvation! If it was, then every verse that mentioned the steps of salvation, especially John 3:16, baptism would be mentioned. You all know the truth, it is not. What is only mentioned is belief. Believe on the name of Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. There is nothing we can do to gain salvation; it is a free gift from God. That is not to minimize the importance of baptism. Being baptized is a very important thing to obtain and unlock the gifts of the Spirit and to adhere to the commands of our living God.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 37

Lesson 23 – Missionary Work and Praying - Part 1

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Q. What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No.23 and what are its fallacies?

A. The following is an excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No.23:

"LESSON NO.23 - MISSIONARY WORK AND PRAYING

Theme: Each member of the Church of Christ is obliged to do missionary work and should learn how to pray.

Summary: The Church of Christ believes that each member should do missionary work or share his faith with others. Each one should learn how to pray to God so that he would not weaken in faith and thus be able to resist temptations."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.94)

THE FALLACIES OF THIS DOCTRINE:

The command to do missionary work is only a trumped up command of Felix Y. Manalo. There is not a command of God that says everyone shall do missionary work except those whom God has given gifts among His people. Let's read this:

"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: If prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." -Rom.12:4-8 NKJV

According to the verse, "ALL MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE THE SAME FUNCTION," therefore, Manalo is teaching another gospel. Manalo is teaching that members have the same function of propagating the Iglesia religion. The true gospel of Christ teaches that members have different functions. Which are these different functions? The verses mentioned the following functions:

1. Prophecy giver: Duty is speaking God's message according to the faith of Jesus;
2. Minister: Duty is in serving;
3. Teacher: Duty is in teaching;
4. Exhorter: Duty is in exhorting or encouraging others;
5. Money Giver: Duty is in giving with liberality;
6. Leader: Duty is in leading;
7. Mercy shower: Duty is in showing mercy with cheerfulness.

How many of these functions are given as functions to each and every member of the Iglesia ni Cristo religion? ALL OF THEM! Manalo is really from darkness who wants to impose difficult yokes and very heavy burdens on each and every members of the Church of Christ cult. Let's reread his summary of his doctrine:

"Summary: The Church of Christ believes that EACH MEMBBER should do missionary work or share his faith with others..."

There is no doubt from this summary that Manalo has commanded each and every member to perform the same function of doing missionary work, which is, a clear violation to the command of the Apostle Paul not to have the same function. This is not uncommon, normal people would not step near the false man made organization of the INC or other cults, it is only by coercion that people are drug, sometimes kicking and screaming, or by fiancée's who won't marry, into the INC. God brings the flock. If one has to go out hunting and searching for members that is a sure sign that the organization is not of God.

TWISTING OF VERSES TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF MANALO:

What Manalo had been doing is twisting some verses to make it appear as though God is requiring all members to do missionary works. The Bible words and verses that are being twisted by Manalo are the following:

1. "To do good" (1 Tim.6:18) - According to Manalo, missionary work is doing good and is equivalent to storing up good foundation towards eternal life. The fallacy of this is that the good works being referred to in the verse are readiness to give and willingness to share. According to the preceding verse, these good works are only commanded to those who are RICH (1 Tim.6:17)!
2. "To share" (Heb.13:16;1 Tim.6:18) - According to Manalo, Iglesia members must share their Iglesia ni Cristo faith to others. The sharing of faith is different than what this paragraph is talking about which is the physical sharing of tangible items. What is sharable according to this verse are tangible things such as materials, goods, or monies needed to buy those goods (2 Cor.9:13;Gal.6:6).
3. "To bear fruits" (Jn.15:16) - According to Manalo, Iglesia members are chosen by Christ to bear convert fruits (with heavy pressure applied). He wants members to produce new members for the main reason of more monies. The fallacy of this is that people can not be produced by people the way an apple tree bears apple fruits. Only God can produce a living individual. If a man produces another man, that creature is a robot or a monster. The true fruit that Christ wanted Christians to bear are the fruit of the Spirit (Gal.5:22) or fruits of righteousness (Phil.1:11).
4. "To save from fire" (Jude 1:23) - According to Manalo, Iglesia members must save non Iglesia people from the lake of fire. The fallacy of this is that those who are to be pulled from fire are those already on fire ("pulling then out of fire"). Are people already being burned in the lake of fire at the present time? No. The lake of fire comes only on the second coming of Christ. So, what is this present fire that people must be pulled from? It is the chastening fire of God to His children who have dirtied their garments (Jude 1:23;Heb.12:7-9). Nobody or no one on this earth can be able to save anyone from the lake of fire judgment of God. Even if they lead a person to Christ, all the glory goes to God.
5. "To help in the gospel" (Phil.4:2-3) is a sure way to have your name be written in the Book of Life - The fallacy of this is that at the time you are called by God, your name has been written also in that Book and can not be blotted out because God's calling is irrevocable (Rom.11:29). If you spread the false gospel such as the gospel of Manalo, do you think your name will be written in that Book? Absolutely not! Only fellow workers in spreading the true gospel of Christ are qualified. And before you can help spread the gospel of Christ, you must first become a believer of Christ. Believers of Manalo have no chance whatsoever to be listed in the Book of Life because they are already condemned (Jn.3:18). It's God's only prerogative who to include in that Book. The believers of Christ are the ones listed there (Rev.21:27). The women mentioned in Phil.4:2-3, Euodia and Syntyche, were women needing help because they have some kind of dispute having not the same mind with the Lord. How could these two women's name become listed if they have not the same mind with the Lord? They are listed because once you are called by God, such calling is irrevocable (Rom.8:35,38-39;11:29). Again, THERE IS NO DEED YOU CAN DO TO ENSURE YOU ARE SAVED, except one, believing and accepting Jesus Christ, which is only internal to you.

CALLING PEOPLE IS NOT BY THE WILL OF ANYONE BUT GOD

Calling people is not a will of any man on earth but the will of God. How does God call His people? He is using His heavenly angels in preaching the gospel of Christ called the everlasting gospel. Let us read this:

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people--," -Rev.14:6 NKJV

Ministers of the Iglesia ni Cristo are not needed in preaching the everlasting gospel of Christ. We already have the complete Bible being brought by heavenly angels to people whom God wants to save. But what about the command of Christ to His apostles to preach the gospel (Mt.28:19)? That authority still persists and the Apostles are still preaching up to this time through the Bible written by them under the inspiration of God (2 Tim.3:16).

During the time of the Apostles, the actual presence of the Apostles is required because there was no complete Bible as yet. But now that we have the complete Bible and the actual presence of the Apostles are no longer necessary because they are with us in the spirit through their writings. That being said God does call many people to minister and reveal the deep truths His Word.

THE WORK OF SAVING IS ONLY THE WORK OF GOD

Is the work of any man needed for one to be saved? Absolutely not. Let's read whose work is it:

"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom he predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified." -Rom.8:20-30 NKJV

After reading the verse, do we need any man to convert us to become God's children? No! It is God who is doing all the work for us and through us. Many are still called to spread the gospel and by them the message is relayed. But it is not by the person who spreads the message that one is saved, but by the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Even before we are born on this earth, God already foreknew that we will become His children. Who can beat that? And after God foreknew His children, He also predestines their future. Who can beat that? Nobody. And after God predestines His children, He also called them. Who can beat that? And after calling them, He justifies them. Who can beat that? Nobody. And after He justified them, He glorifies them. Who can beat that? There is no one in this whole wide earth who can beat God.

VERSE REGULARLY TWISTED BY MANALO TO SPREAD HIS OWN GOSPEL

Manalo is always using 2 Thes.2:14 to justify God's calling in becoming Iglesia members. Let's read the verse:

"to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." -2 Thes.2:14 NKJV

Which is this gospel in which God's people are called? The gospel is called "our gospel" by Apostle Paul. Which is the gospel being preached by Apostle Paul? It is no other than the gospel of Christ (1 Thes.3:2). It is true that Manalo uses the Bible, too, but, the Bible is being made subservient to him. Therefore, though Manalo uses the same Bible, it becomes another gospel when he changes or subverts what are written therein. The gospel of Manalo is not what the Bible wants but what Manalo wants which should be followed.

If the gospel of Manalo is brought to you and you have accepted it, whom do you think has called you? That's right, it's Manalo because it is Manalo whom you have believed. It is the tragic consequence of the devil's work of derailing people from believing Jesus Christ. It has been proven that the Gospel of Christ and the Gospel of Felix Manalo are two entirely separate things.

Q. What are the other deceptions of Manalo included in this Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No.23?

A. The following is the introduction of the Church of Christ idol by the idol creator Felix Y. Manalo:

"Introduction

It is a man's great good fortune to become a member of the Church of Christ. As a member of the Church of Christ he not only acquires the right to serve God but also attains the salvation of his soul. This good fortune, however, must not be kept to ourselves. It is our obligation to share it with our fellowmen. Thus, each member of the Church should engage in missionary work. And because our membership in the Church of Christ is such a valuable thing, we also should learn to pray properly to God so that we may be able to keep and retain this great blessing. We will study these two responsibilities of the members of the Church of Christ in this lesson."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ),...p.94)

The Fallacies of the Introduction -

Manalo is a liar. Serving God is not acquirable by any man because salvation is only given through the mercy of God (Rom.9:15-16). What is being idolized here is the name Church of Christ. Manalo says it is a good fortune to become member of the Church of Christ. Is it really? If we will examine the lives of Iglesia members who are serving Manalo night and day like ants serving their Ant Queen without any remuneration or without any will of their own, the Iglesia members are actually the doomed people of this earth. All their lives are devoted to obeying what Manalo wants until they die. And after they die, their names are thrown out of the Iglesia ni Cristo rolls like throwing out a piece of garbage. After Manalo had squeezed them of their monies and their strengths their rewards is being kicked out of the Iglesia ni Cristo door.

THE TRICK OF MANALO IN LURING MEMBERS TO OBEY HIM

Constantly in the forced worship service, Manalo blabbers:

"CHILDREN, WORK AND WORK AND WORK, FOR IN DUE TIME, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR REWARDS OF ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN. A LITTLE MORE PATIENCE CHILDREN. A LITTLE MORE ENDURANCE FROM YOUR SUFFERINGS, A LITTLE MORE PERSEVERANCE AND THE BLESSINGS OF GOD WILL BE YOURS. DON'T FORSAKE THE WORSHIP SERVICE, GIVE TO THE OFFERINGS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS, SHARE OUR FAITH TO OTHERS, DWELL ALWAYS IN OUR CHAPELS, OBEY ALWAYS THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD ENTRUSTED TO OUR CHURCH ADMINISTRATION, AND OUR REWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO US BY GOD TO INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN HEAVEN WHERE THERE IS NO MORE DEATH, NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN, NOR MISERIES. HE WILL CHANGE OUR MORTAL BODIES INTO IMMORTAL BODIES. SO, THEREFORE, CHILDREN, NEVER DRAWBACK OR RETREAT FROM YOUR CALLING. DO NOT EXCHANGE YOUR IGLESIA NI CRISTO MEMBERSHIP WITH ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD. IT IS YOUR ONLY WEALTH IN THIS LIFE. IF ONLY I CAN CARRY YOU WITH ME TO BRING YOU TO HEAVEN I WILL DO IT, BUT, I CAN'T. IT DEPENDS UPON YOU TO OBEY GOD AND WORK YOUR OWN SALVATION. THEREFORE, DO ALL YOUR DUTIES WITHOUT SPOT AND WRINKLES AND GOD WILL BLESS YOU AND TAKE YOU TO BE WITH HIM IN THE ETERNAL KINGDOM."

As you can see from this constant admonition, Manalo has a trick. His trick is like the trick of a shrewd scam artist who issues a postdated check payable when the end of the world comes and using a check which is not even his own. Try to cash a check of Jesse Ventura filled up and signed by Felix Y. Manalo dated December 31, 9905, for services rendered to the Iglesia ni Cristo, and you will realize how you have been conned and scammed.

THE FORTUNE GRABBER IN THE IGLESIA RELIGION

Who really is fortunate if one becomes an Iglesia ni Cristo member? It is the Manalo gypper! The moment you become a member, it is the start of depositing all of your monies to Manalo for the rest of your life. It is also the start of serving a life term imprisonment. It is a life where what you do is not what you want but what Manalo wants. If Manalo is talking about fortune, he is actually talking about his own fortune that resulted from his grabbing of member's monies by deception. All monies collected through deception are in the name of the Iglesia ni Cristo sole corporation. This sole corporation has a sole owner--Felix Y. Manalo and his heirs. When FYM died, the INC ownership and management had passed to his Son Erano in accordance with FYM's will. Do you think Erano G. Manalo will share his fortune to any members of the INC? If Manalo is a penny pincher in regards to paying INC bills, do you think he will share a penny to anyone gratis without any value given in exchange? And if he can have all members work for him for free, why would he give anyone of them a cent?

WHOM TO JOIN IN ORDER TO HAVE REAL FORTUNE

Let's read whom to join in order not to be gypped by Manalo:

"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!" -1 Cor. 6:15 NKJV

Therefore, the membership that has a fortune is not in the Church of Christ of Manalo, but, membership in Jesus Christ. Is the Church of Christ of Manalo the body of Christ? It cannot be. Jesus Christ is one body and the Church of Christ of Manalo is another body. Of the two bodies, whom are we supposed to join? Manalo has been teaching to join his Church of Christ body. But, according to Apostle Paul, which body should we join?

"But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones." -1 Cor.6:17,30 NKJV

Therefore, it is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself (His flesh and bones) whom we should join. Manalo has been teaching the wrong gospel of joining his Church of Christ man made false religion.

THE BODY THAT WILL BE SAVED BY JESUS CHRIST

"For the husband is the head of the wife, as also Christ is the head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body." -Eph.5:23 NKJV

Manalo has been twisting this verse by changing the written word "church" into "Church of Christ". He has dragged his uncle Lamsa (Acts 20:28) into his perjury, pulling his uncle into becoming an unwilling accomplice in perverting the Scriptures. His uncle Lamsa has already done Manalo the favor of mistranslating "church of God" into "church of Christ", but, Manalo wants more. He wants Lamsa to make his "church of Christ" into "Church of Christ" so it will agree with the cult's registered name. Both Lamsa, Moffatt and Manalo are doing the work of the devil by perverting the Word of God.

If not the Church of Christ that will be saved by Christ, which body will be saved by Him? Let's read further down the verse:

"For we are members of His flesh and of His bones." (Eph.5:30 NKJV)

Therefore, the body of Christ to join is not the body called Church of Christ, but, Christ's own physical flesh and bones body. How is this done? It is done through salvation where one is united with the flesh and bones body of Jesus Christ.

Q. What are the other deceptions included in Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 23?

A. The following are Manalo's other deceptions:

1. "Q. Why is it our duty to do missionary work and to share our faith with our fellowmen? Should we not rather keep our membership in the Church of Christ to ourselves and do not bother other people concerning their religious life?

A. We are made the light of the world....Mt.5:13 RSV

2. Q. Why are we made the light of the world?

A. To give light to people...Mt.5:15 RSV

3. Q. Why is it that by doing good we fulfill the purpose of being made as the light of the world?

A. The world is a crooked and perverse generation...Phil.2:15 RSV

Note: The world in which we live is in total darkness because over this world reigns all kinds of crookedness and evil. As members of the Church of Christ we are made light of the world. We should be seen distinct from the people of the world through our good deeds. This is how we should serve as light amidst a dark world.

4. Q. Why are we obliged to do missionary work?

A. We are compared to the salt of the earth...Mt.5:13

5. Q. Why are we compared to the salt of the earth? What is the condition of the people of the world?

A. They are slaves of corruption...Rom.8:21

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ)...p.94-95)

EXPLANATION OF MANALO'S DECEPTION

1. On Mt.5:14 RSV - It is INC members' duty to do missionary work because INC members are made light of the world?

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid." Mt.5:14 RSV

Who does the pronoun "You" refer to? Does it refer to anybody who reads the verse? Let's start reading from the first verse:

"SEEING THE crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying..." -Mt.5:1-2 RSV

Therefore, the pronoun "you" pertains to Christ's disciples! How can you be a disciple of Christ? You must be baptized in the name of the Trinity after the gospel of Christ is preached to you (Mt.28:19). Did Iglesia members receive the gospel of Christ? No! What's the proof? They are members of another body called the "Church of Christ" of Manalo. They are not members of Jesus Christ. Besides, the gospel that they received is the gospel of Manalo. So, how can they become the light when they are in darkness? The Iglesia members were therefore deceived by Manalo.

2. On Mt.5:15-16 RSV - INC members are made light of the world to light the people?

"Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

What light is this Manalo talking about? How could INC members become the light when they are in darkness? What is the light about? According to the verse, the light is the good works that disciples of Christ do. What are these good works? Do you think it includes converting people to become members of the Iglesia ni Cristo so that many people will deposit their monies to Manalo? No! That is a deceiving work! It is the work of darkness to turn people from Christ to Manalo. Spreading darkness can not be a good work. Let's read what these good works are in order not to be deceived by Manalo:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control. Against such there is no law." -Gal.5:22-23 NKJV

These enumerated items are the fruits. How do you bear these fruits? For example, the fruit of love, how can you bear this fruit? You can bear this fruit by loving God and loving your fellowmen! How can you bear the fruit of joy? You will bear this fruit if you bring joy to someone. How do you bear the fruit of peace? You will bear this fruit if you live a peaceful life, and so on for the remaining fruits of long sufferings, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. So then, by doing these fruits of good works, you become the light of the world!

What is the Apostle Paul's advice to Iglesia ni Cristo members who are being forced by Manalo to spread darkness by requiring them to convert people?

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them." -Eph.5:11 NKJV

Therefore, it is a command of the Apostle Paul to all Iglesia members to have no fellowship or disassociate themselves from the Iglesia ni Cristo. Instead, what they should do is to expose the works of darkness being committed by Erano G. Manalo to members of his sole corporation. What is the consequence if you are a partner to a crime? If you are a partner to a crime, you together with the leader are punished together as partners to the crime.

3. On Phil.2:15 RSV - Doing missionary good work fulfills the purpose of being light of the world of crooked and perverse generation?

"that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you share as lights in the world."

Stop the perversion of the Bible! Doing missionary works to spread the Iglesia ni Cristo is not a good work but a bad work or works of darkness. If you are in darkness, how can you become light? You are the one to be lighted not the other way around. Who is your leader if you are doing the works of darkness? Let's read to know the power behind the spreading the gospel of Manalo?

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." -Eph.6:11-12 NKJV

Therefore, the devil is the leader of darkness. If the devil is the leader of darkness, what is the profession of the devil? He has to have a profession or trade, right? Let's read:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." -1 Pet.5:8 NKJV

The profession of the devil is devouring people! How does he devour people? He devours them through deceptions (Rev.12:9). How does Manalo deceive people? He deceives people by preaching to join the Church of Christ when it is Jesus Christ whom we should join. And preaching that the body of Jesus Christ is his man made corporation Church of Christ when the body is the flesh and bones body of Jesus Christ.

4. On Mt.5:13 RSV - INC members are obliged to do missionary works because they are the salt of the earth?

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its taste how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men."

What does salt do? It adds flavor does it not? Something that may be bland or tasteless, when salt is added, it's yummy now. The same as it is for our world, the world is dark and bland, however, true believers of Christ spreading the message of Christ in a voluntary method adds life, love, and happiness to the world, making it yummier. However, being salt of this world does not command every single believer to go out into the world spreading salt.

5. On Rom.8:21 NKJV - INC members are compared to salt of the earth because the people of the world are slaves of corruption?

"because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

Wait a minute. Who are the slaves of corruption who should be given liberty? It is the members of the Church of Christ of Manalo! Why? Because their minds are imprisoned by Manalo! Not only their minds but their bodies as well and their souls are imprisoned also, but especially their pocket books. Therefore, the Iglesia members are the ones to be freed. This Felix is so cunning. He corrupted and poisoned their minds that they are free when they aren't. What is the evidence that they are not free? Missing alone one worship service will trigger the visits of their prison guards (their assigned deacons or deaconesses). In every worship service, the members are ordered not to exchange their INC membership for anything in this world. Every Sunday, members are required to deposit monies to Manalo. When this illicit activity was exposed in the Internet, Manalo ordered his ministers to not call it "deposits" but will be called from henceforth as "setting asides." And when do you think the members get back their "setting asides"?

APOSTLE JOHN COMMANDS CHRISTIANS NOT TO RECEIVE THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO

Does Apostle John command Christians not to receive in their houses the Iglesia ni Cristo of Manalo? Absolutely. Let's read the verse:

"Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not received him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds." -2 Jn.1:9-11 NKJV

Who are these people who do not abide in the doctrine of Christ or gospel of Christ? These are the Iglesia ni Cristo ministers and members! How do we know it? We know it because the INC is following another gospel called Gospel of Manalo or known by its name "Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ)," a book of doctrines written by Felix Y. Manalo. Every minister of the INC can not leave their homes without this book. It is always in their attaché case whenever they go. The command not to receive these Iglesia people is deadly serious. In fact, even greeting them is prohibited. Why is it prohibited? It is prohibited because receiving or greeting them is equivalent to sharing their evil deeds!

Again it has been stressed before and I will say it again, all those who teach against the claims of Jesus Christ are doomed. For the lay members there are two types, those who are aware and those who are unaware. Only God can be the judge of that. However, this is what Jesus Christ said concerning his claims.

John 8:21

"Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come." This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?" But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

The Iglesia ni Cristo does not abide in the doctrine of Christ because they deny the claims of Jesus Christ. This is an extremely serious error and a fatal flaw in the doctrine of the INC.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 38

Lesson 23 – Missionary Work and Praying - Part 2

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Q. What are the deceptions of Manalo about praying?

A. The following is the continuing excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No.23:

Praying

1. Q. Who commanded us to pray and what is the value of prayer?

A. Christ commanded us to do so in order not to faint...Lk.18:1;

2. Q. What else is the value of prayer?

A. In order to triumph over temptation...Mt.26:41;

3. Q. What else is prayer for?

A. To make known to God our requests...Phil.4:6;

Note: We all have needs in this life and thus we must learn how to pray to make these known to God and to overcome worries.

4. Q. What else is the value of prayer to us?

A. Healing of the sick...Jas.5:14-15.

Instruction: If somebody is sick among you, you may call on the minister or the Church leaders so that they may pray over you and anoint you with oil. Let us believe in the promise of God that He will cure our illness. (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989,p.96)

THE POWERS IN CONFLICT

The use of the Bible by the Iglesia ni Cristo is only a ploy or a disguise in order to trap unwary people. The Lord Jesus Christ forewarned the rise of false christs and false prophets who will show great signs and wonders in order to deceive (Mt.24:24), not that the INC has shown any. Felix always failed to show the Seal of God, that of which the 5th angel should possess. These false prophets are men controlled by the beast and the spirit of falsehood whom we know together with Satan constitute the trinity of the evil god of this world. The real enemies of Christians in this world are not humans such as Felix Manalo or Erano Manalo and their roving ministers and members of the Iglesia ni Cristo, but, the trinitarian evil god of this world and their demonic soldiers working through them (Eph.6:12). Therefore, the powers that are always in conflict are of two opposing forces as follows:

Forces of Light Versus Forces of Darkness:

God, the Trinity versus Evil god of this world, the trinity:

1. Father versus Satan or devil;
2. Jesus Christ versus beast or false christ;
3. Holy Spirit versus falsehood spirit or false prophet spirit.

It should be noted that the Holy Spirit is also called spirit of truth (1Jn.4:6). Since the opposite of spirit of truth is the spirit of falsehood, therefore, this spirit is the false prophet spirit. Let us bear in mind that this trinity evil god of this world composed of the devil, the beast, and the false prophet will be punished in the lake of fire (Rev.20:10).

If the Holy Spirit guards God's children, the false prophet spirit also guards Satan's children. How does the false prophet spirit guide Satan's children? The false prophet spirit guides them through falsehoods and lies. Who is the source of these lies? That's right, it came from the devil (Jn.8:44). If God's words of truth are the food of the children of God, Satan's words of falsehood are the food of the children of Satan. If the Holy Spirit is a teacher, the false prophet spirit is also a teacher. The point being, it has been proven in this study that Felix and Son are blatantly teaching false lies in the name of Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYER CONNECTION WITH ONE'S MASTER

The prayer is the medium of communication with one's master. On the side of the light, God's children communicate with their Master God through Jesus Christ. On the side of darkness, Satan's children communicate with their master evil god of this world through the beast also known as the false christ.

EXPLANATION OF MANALO'S DECEPTIONS

1. On Lk.18:1 - Christ commanded to pray in order not to faint?

"Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart."

Where in the verse did Manalo pick up the word "faint"? To faint is to lose temporary consciousness while to lose heart signifies becoming discouraged. There is no command here to always pray but a command not to lose heart in praying. The citation is only the first sentence of the parable of Lord Jesus Christ. The parable runs from Verse 1 through Verse 8 of Chapter 18. Let's continue to read the whole caption starting from Verse 2 to know the whole story:

"saying, "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him saying, "Get justice for me from my adversary." And he would not for a while; but afterward he said to himself, "Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me." Then the Lord said, "And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth." -Lk,18:1-8 NKJV

Take note that the prayer to God is like a petition to a judge. If constantly you are petitioning God for redress of injustice from an adversary, God would surely avenge you if you are His child. Christ asked a question whether in His second coming He will find faith on earth. The faith here is faith in Christ (Gal.2:16). Therefore, it is important that people believe Jesus Christ in order to hope to get what they pray for. These children of God should not lose heart in praying to God.

2. On Mt.26:41 - The value of prayer is triumph over temptation?

"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

One purpose of prayer is to avoid temptation. Therefore, Manalo here is teaching a different gospel. How can you triumph over a temptation if you already have entered it? This verse is teaching that being fervent in prayer is to safeguard you from entering into temptation. This does not equate to triumphing over temptation once you are in it. But of course that is still true but maybe Felix has mixed up his verses here. Most likely not considering the behavior we have already seen from the Manalo's.

3. On Phil.4:6 - Prayer is also for making known to God our requests?

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

According to the verse, we should not worry about anything in this life. If we need something from God, the advice is to ask from God through our prayer to Him. But, what if you are praying to a different god? What if you are praying outside of the body of Christ, which is what is happening in the INC? Do you think God will respond to your requests? Not if you have rejected his Son.

4. On Jas.5:14-15 -Another value of prayer is healing of the sick?

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sin, he will be forgiven." -Jas.5:14-15 NKJV

Prayers of a child of God will always be heard by God. What about prayers of a child who has dirtied his garments? Will He hear it? Of course! God welcomes His children coming back to Him. If a child of God sins, it is called dirtying his garment. Dirtying of the garment brings whips from God through affliction with physical sickness. His brethren who have clean garments will pray for him so that he will be cleaned through the oil anointing in the name of Christ.

What about in the Iglesia ni Cristo? Why do they become sick? They become sick because of the rigors that their bodies undergo in serving the INC. Iglesia members' bodies are being used up by Manalo to the hilt. The bodies of Iglesia members are like machines being operated by Manalo. What do you do to machines in order to have efficient operation and to avoid breakdowns? They need to be oiled, right? That is the oil anointing practiced by the INC. If the machine will not be oiled and consequently it breaks down, that machine is not capable of producing income. The same is true for Iglesia members. If an INC member becomes sick, he or she is unable to attend the worship service. And if unable to attend the worship, he or she is unable to give money offerings to Manalo. Therefore, it is very important that they should be oiled whether in their chapels or in their houses.

Q. What are the other deceptions of Manalo concerning praying?

A. The following is an excerpt from the Gospel of Manalo doctrine:

When to pray

5. Q. When do God's people usually pray?

A. Morning, noon, and evening...Ps.55:17;

6. Q. What other circumstances should we pray?

A. Before eating...1 Cor.10:31

Instruction: Do not forget to pray- Before eating, before leaving for work, before going to school. Upon arrival from work or school or wherever you come from. Before sleeping at night. On waking up in the morning. On seeking forgiveness of sins and increase in faith; on asking for assistance on your livelihood, on asking to be safeguarded from temptation and from the many worries in life. At all times in accordance to your needs and situations.

7. Q. Should the true servants of God get tired of praying?

A. Pray always...Acts 10:2;

Obligation:

8. Q. Which prayer will surely be answered?

A. That which is done with faith...Mk.11:24;

9. Q. Why should the person praying have faith?

A. Those who doubt will not receive...Jas.1:6-8

Note: Thus, there are people who pray but do not receive what they ask from God because they doubt and do not believe.

10. Q. Is it enough for the person praying to have faith?

A. He should also obey God's commands...1Jn.3:22

Note: We should be able to fulfill these conditions to ensure that God will answer our prayers. If we acquire the habit of obedience to God's commandments and of doing what pleases Him, He would surely respond whenever we call on Him.

11. Q. Who are those who ask but do not receive what they ask for?

A. Those who ask wrongly for the satisfaction for their lusts...Jas.4:3;

12. Q. What is one of the valuable things we should ask for in our prayers to God?

A. Ask for faith...Lk.17:5

13. Q. What is strictly forbidden of us whenever we pray?

A. Meaningless repetitions...Mt.6:7;

14. Q. What is the instruction to us whenever we pray?

A. Ask in the name of Christ...Jn.15:16

Conclusion: He who engages in missionary work and knows how to pray properly eventually becomes stable and strong in faith. These works are both commanded by God and should be valued by all members of the Church of Christ." (Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo...,pp.97-98)

EXPLANATION OF MANALO'S DECEPTIONS

5. On Ps.55:17- God's people pray morning, noon, and evening?

"Evening and morning and at noon
I will pray, and cry aloud,
And He shall hear my voice."

Manalo has no respect at all to Scripture. He disarranges the psalm of David where evening comes first then morning. Manalo has destroyed the alpha arrangement where E comes first followed by M and N. What can you expect from Felix at this point?

Since prayer is communication with God who formed you, do you not have any respect for God by disturbing Him for unnecessary and repetitious empty words? If President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo is not even your maker and you are ashamed of talking to her three times a day, why are you not ashamed to bother God who had created you? Don't you think God knows what your needs are? He sure does.

Why do you think David prayed to God three times a day? Is it a law of God to talk to him three times a day? No! You are given a mind by God and you know which time you should talk to God. Then why did David pray evening, morning and noon? If we will read the next Verse 18, David was waging a war at the time. Naturally, King David needs help from God from evening to morning to noon. Always calling on God when you are not in harm's way is akin to that one who always cry wolf when there is no wolf and when the time comes that there is an actual wolf, no one came to his rescue.

6. On 1 Cor.10:31 - Pray to God whenever you eat?

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

This Manalo has such a great imagination. The verse did not say the word "pray" when you eat, and here he comes ordering his members to pray whenever they eat. Manalo thinks that doing all things to the glory of God is praying. If we will do that, we will not stop praying every second for the rest of our lives. How do you do the eating and drinking and whatever thing you do to the glory of God? We shall do all these things in obeying what God wants. For example, if you do the drinking, how do you do it where it gives glory to God? If you drink and you don't offer that drink to a neighbor who is thirsty, are you giving glory to God? No! How about if you do share the drink? Of course, you will be giving glory to God because you shared the drink to your neighbor whom you must love! What will that neighbor say to you when you shared that drink? He will say to himself, "This man is a gift from God. Thank God for this man!" Therefore, God is glorified.

7. On Acts 10:2 NKJV - We should not get tired of praying and must pray always?

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who give alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always."

This man who prayed always was no other than Cornelius, the man who was given mercy by God to receive salvation. His praying always was before he was called by God. It is about right that he prays always because he needs salvation. He has given alms to the poor which is a good work and he feared God, therefore, God had given him mercy to receive salvation including his entire household.

THE REASON WHY MANALO REQUIRES MEMBERS TO PRAY ALWAYS

Whenever an Iglesia ni Cristo member prays whether in their chapels or in their homes, or wherever, the focus of their prayers are towards the church. By constant praying to their church, they remain connected with the spirit of falsehood of the antichrist. By acknowledging through prayer that they are united with the spirit of falsehood, their true father Satan is able to hold them in bondage. Manalo can not afford that members will be detached from the spirit of falsehood, not for a week, not for a day, nor for an hour because if they do, truth will be able to seep in them. This is true mind control. If truth will seep, Manalo's lies will be defeated. Praying to Satan through the power of the spirit of falsehood is like a battery that is being recharged. Iglesia members are being used by Satan to do the works of darkness, the continued spreading of false doctrine and lies. What will happen to a battery that is being used up for heavy work? It will get discharge right? That is where the worship prayers or members personal prayers come in to recharge them. Their prayers manifest that they are still the children of the devil. It is a fact, that after the worship service, the INC members are invigorated in their INC faith and even when after they make their personal prayers in the manner of prayer taught by Manalo.

8. On Mk.11:54 NKJV - Your prayer will be answered if it is done with faith?

"Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

The faith mentioned here is believing in the power of God. Whenever you pray for something believe that you already received what you just prayed. If you have prayed at 12:01:30 P.M., believe that you already received what you prayed at 12:01:31 P.M. or a lapse of one second. That is real power of God. Every believer must believe the wonderful power of God. For with God all things are possible.

Take note that this fringe benefit of receiving what you prayed for pertains only to believers of Jesus Christ. What about believers of Felix Y. Manalo? When they pray to their false god of this world, the INC organization, they should be receiving what they ask for, right? Of course, they will. Iglesia ni Cristo members' wishes are the commands of their father. However, if one prays and asks not in the name and belief of the true Jesus Christ, but a false and fake Jesus Christ, do you think their prayers will be heard and answered? No, unfortunately they will not.

9. On Jas.1:6-8 NKJV - We should pray with faith because if we doubt, we will not receive?

"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord, he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

The context of doubting here is not momentary doubt but a divided mind or divided allegiance. The context of a double mind is taken literally as having two minds or two souls--one mindset is on God and another mindset is on this world. Of course, the two minds are in conflict with each other. Therefore, if you doubt or have double allegiance, you are unstable like waves of the ocean in all your ways. You will not receive what you pray. Why? Because you cannot be trusted or incapable of handling what you pray for. Example: You pray to God that Lady Lucy will marry you when you will propose to her, but, on second thought, if she agrees to marry you, you will be tied up to her and unable to enjoy your single life. You proposed and she says to give her answer in one month to settle things. She hired a detective to know your night life and found you are always hanging out with your friends for nightly booze. Before the month has ended, Lady Lucy gives you an update that she is not marrying you.

Let's go now to the prayers of Iglesia members to their god of this world who is their master. As we know already, their wishes and their prayers are the commands of their true father. Supposing the INC members have doubts in their prayers, what will happen? Their father will be enraged, right? Their father will lash out, saying: "Look at these people, I have been working hard in reindoctrinating them twice a week about my devilish doctrines, but, they have the nerve to doubt me? Look out all of you people! I am going to punish you for your lack of faith---I will double and triple your duties and responsibilities! Got that followers?"

10. On 1 Jn.3:22 - Having faith is not enough but must also obey God's commands?

"And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." -1 Jn.3:22 NKJV

On the children of God, whatever they ask will be given to them by God because they keep His commandments and do the things pleasing in God's sight. Which are these commandments and things that are pleasing? If we will continue reading the next verse 23, the commandments that we should keep are: 1. believing the name of Jesus Christ, and 2. loving one another.

What about the Iglesia ni Cristo children? Well, because their master is a deceiver, the devil had kept them from Verse 23 so that the commandments will be replaced with the man-made commandments of Manalo written in Manalo's gospel book of doctrines commonly called Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo. Do we need to enumerate these man-made commandments? In the order of their importance, Manalo's commandments are the following:

- #1. Believe Felix Y. Manalo as the last days messenger of God and accept the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ of Felix Manalo as your personal savior;
- #2. Not to be absent in the Thursday and Sunday worship of the INC idol created by Manalo. Don't leave home without bringing lots of monies (coins prohibited) because there are pouches, money chests, boxes, envelopes, and thanksgiving tellers that want to pick your wallets and purses;
- #3. Do not exchange your INC membership with anything in this world. The INC is your only wealth in this life;
- #4. Not to forget making weekly deposits for the rest of your life. No withdrawals allowed;
- #5. Obey always and be submissive to the Church Administration (Erano G. Manalo and Eduardo V. Manalo, son and grandson of the deceased INC founder, Felix Y. Manalo);
- #6. Love your neighbor and friends by inviting them to the nightly gospel of Manalo indoctrination sessions. Don't tell visitors they are being indoctrinated into the INC corporation, but tell them they are just receiving free bible studies;
- #7. Love the brotherhood by guarding your brother or sister in faith so that they will not be absent from the Thursday and Sunday idol worship services;
- #8. You are prohibited to drawback, retreat, resign, digress, or stop in any duties and responsibilities inside the Church of Christ and in all its activities;
- #9. You are commanded to abound, increase, add, and progress in everything you do in serving the INC idol and the Church Administrator;
- #10. You are not to question or complain about anything or any doctrines or regulations inside the Church of Christ. If you have problems, don't disturb the Manalo administrator. If you need help, pray to God instead. If God will not answer you, it is not God's fault but your own fault. Maybe, you have a sinful life, or maybe you are remiss with your duties in the Church of Christ. Have you renewed your life? Have you abounded and increased your thanksgivings? Have you brought new converts? These could be the reasons why you are sick, or why you met an accident, or lost your job, or why God is punishing you, or not answering your prayers.

11. On Jas.4:3 - Those who ask and don't receive are asking wrongly for the satisfaction of their lust?

"You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures." -Jas.4:3 NKJV

Answering of prayers by God depends solely on His own goodwill. Sometimes God will not answer our prayers because we seek to further our own personal pleasures. This is called asking amiss.

How about the prayers of Iglesia cult members? What are the circumstances when their devil father would not grant their prayers? Of course, they will not receive their prayers if and when their prayers are not the command of their devil master. For example: Joe Iglesia prays that the worship service will be done only once a month. Surely, Joe Iglesia will be denied of his prayer. How about if Joe Iglesia prays that Erano Manalo obeys the Bible (2 Thes.1:3) by thanking God for the benefits of Iglesia members? This, too, will be denied. If the devil will approve this, Erano Manalo will cry because he will be forced to deposit monies weekly for the benefits of all Iglesia members.

12. On Lk.17:5 - The most valuable things to ask in prayer is faith?

"And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

Faith can only be increased by Jesus Christ. Why is it so? Because the faith that we must have is faith in Christ (Gal.2:16). How did Christ increase the faith of the apostles? If we will read Verses 6 through 10, He broadened their understanding that faith and duty go hand in hand. They are inseparable. If you have faith, you also have the duty to do. If you do such duties, you are making known or you publicize of your faith. As believers of Christ, we become the servants of Christ with duty to bear fruit of the Spirit. This fruit of the Spirit or fruits of righteousness are actually our good conducts (Jas.3:13).

What about in the Iglesia ni Cristo? What is the faith being taught by Manalo? Felix Manalo, being from darkness, teaches a different gospel. He teaches faith in the Church of Christ which is a Manalo faith. It is called a Manalo faith because it is the Gospel of Manalo that they have received. So, how does Manalo add their faith? It is not called adding but strengthening via repetitions of doctrines. Constant repetition makes them immune from knowing the truth. Repetition of lies makes the lies true. This is what we call brainwashing or tricking of the mind. In Psychology, it is called "classical conditioning".

13. On Mt.6:7 - What is strictly prohibited in prayers is making meaningless repetitious prayers?

"And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do." -Mt.6:7 NKJV

There is nothing wrong with repeating prayers. What is wrong is vain repetitions. What are vain repetitions? Vain repetitions are those empty recitations of words. Examine the following prayer of the Iglesia ni Cristo head deacon:

"God of the Iglesia ni Cristo..uh-huh uh-huh uh-huh;
We are approaching this morning..uh-huh uh-huh uh-huh;
We are so ashaaaaamed of ourselves..uh-huh uh-huh uh-huh;
Because of our many sins and our many wicked works.. uh-huh uh-huh uh-huh;
Oh God, forgiiiiive uuuuuuuus..uh-huh uh-huh uh-huh;
Cleannnnnnse uuuuuuuuuusssh O Looooooodoord..uh-huh uh-huh uh-huh;
Cooooooooover our sins with your looooooove. UH-HUH UH-HUH UH-HUH!"

What is wrong with this prayer? Are there vain repetitions of words in the deacon's prayers? Which are they? Obviously, the constant false crying like a baby are empty repetitions of words. What else? The words forgive, cleanse, and cover are basically saying the same thing. If God forgives your sins He is also cleansing you and covering your sins. What else? The deacon is making the words elastic to become longer than what they are supposed to be. What else? If you are the Lord, would you appreciate being called,

"LOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOORD"?

If I were the Lord, I would tape the head deacon's mouth with a masking tape.

THE LORD'S TEACHING ON HOW TO PRAY

Did the Lord Jesus Christ teach how to pray? Yes! Let's tune in to His teaching:

"In this manner, therefore pray:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen." -Mt.6:9-13 NKJV

Are there empty recitations of words in the prayer? NONE! Is there asking for forgiveness of sins? NONE! Saints are supposed to be sinless? In the past, they were sinners but the blood of Christ has cleansed them already. Are there elongated words? NONE! Is there cry-a-baby habit? NONE!

14. On Jn.15:16 - Whenever we pray we should ask in the name of Christ?

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you." -Jn.15:16 NKJV

Christians are chosen and appointed by Jesus Christ in order to bear fruits of righteousness or fruit of the Spirit. With the duty of bearing fruits of righteousness there are additional benefits of asking the Father and whatever you ask for, the Father will grant according to His will. Of course, there is a password before you can get the benefits. What is this password? The greatest name of all names, the name of Jesus Christ.

As usual the Iglesia ni Cristo members misuses this verse. Manalo uses John 15:16 in order to bear fruits of unrighteousness. Why fruits of unrighteousness? The fruit that Manalo teaches is a different fruit. Instead of good conduct, he teaches fruit of bringing new converts to the cult. Is changing the context of the verse a righteous or unrighteous deed? It is an unrighteous deed. Therefore, what they are doing are fruits of unrighteousness. What about the unauthorized use of the name of Jesus Christ, is it a righteous or unrighteous deed? It is unrighteous deed. Try to withdraw cash from a cash machine using the password of the owner of the account without authority and pretty soon the police will catch up to you.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 39

Lesson 24 - The Church Administration - Part 1

By C.R. – July 25, 2003

Q. Why was Felix Y. Manalo expelled from his former religion as member of the Churches of Christ (Disciples of Christ)?

A. He was expelled for being a wife beater, an adulterer, and a fornicator. The evidence is the letter dated Oct.14, 1933 of Leslie Wolfe of the Philippine Mission of the Churches of Christ reproduced below:

"Philippine Mission
Churches of Christ
Leslie Wolfe Anne A. Wolfe

Oct.14, 1933

Mr. Salvador Laspinas
1535 Felix Huertas, Int.C.,
Manila

Dear Bro. Laspinas:

I have your letter of Oct.7th. You know I am sick I am not able to give you all the information about Felix Manalo that you desire. He was a student in our mission and I was one of his teachers. We had him employed as an evangelist, paying him a salary. He was minister for the church at Singalong for some time. His wife accused him of cruelty and of adultery. She came to my house and showed the wounds which Felix had made by blows on her back. I called the doctor who is now in Manila to examine her wounds. The church at Singalong had an investigation of Felix. The wife of Felix came and made complaints, but Felix did not come. The church at Singalong voted that Felix was guilty of the charges of his wife. As a consequence we took away the salary that we were giving to Felix. Then Felix left us.

I do not have further personal knowledge of the life of Felix. There was, however, a Teresa who studied with us. It was proven in court that Felix was the father of her child. Brother Baronia has much typewritten information about Felix Manalo and especially about the Teresa case, which he says he will be glad to furnish to anyone desiring the information.

I hope you will be able to continue your work and that you will be very successful. I am.

Cordially yours,

Leslie Wolfe"

Note: The original copy of this letter is available on the internet at:
<http://www.pipeline.com/~selfsoft/coc1933/coc1933.htm>

Q. What is also the cause of separation of Felix Y. Manalo from the Seventh Day Adventists?

A. The cause of separation of Felix Manalo from the Seventh Day Adventists was due to unspecified conduct which was grave enough to warrant investigation and expulsion after he was found guilty. The letter of H.W. Klaser of the Seventh Day Adventists is reproduced below:

"Office of the Treasurer

June 9, 1933

Mr. Salvado Laspinal
331 San Rafael, Sampaloc
Manila, P.I.

Dear Mr. Laspinal:

Please pardon me for this belated reply. I have been out of the city for sometime and have not been in a position to answer your letter of May 3. I am sorry to hear that you are having difficulty with Mr. Felix Manalo and his following. The Seventh Day Adventists have a number of books giving an outline or rather going into detail as to what we believe. We believe in the soon coming of our Savior, together with other teachings that are supported by the Bible. In fact we have no creed. The Bible is our rule and guide. Now, if any church follows this outline certainly it cannot be said that they are apostates.

Mr. Felix Manalo at one time was a worker in this denomination but because of his conduct, after investigation, it was found necessary to not only sever his connections from the work but also to disfellowship him from membership in our denomination. I trust that this gives you the information that you desire.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) H. W. Klaser
HGK:mo"

Note: This letter was posted by INC Researcher in the following forum on May 23, 2003 at 7:08 P.M. INC Researcher says the original is in his possession.

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/70213/>

As we can see from these letter evidences, Felix Y. Manalo is a wife beater, an adulterer, a fornicator, and a liar. Why is he a liar? Let's quote the INC's God's Message magazine as to his reasons for leaving the Disciples of Christ (Churches of Christ) and the Seventh Day Adventists:

"From being a Methodist, Brother Felix joined the Presbyterian Church and became one of its pastors. Later, he discovered that another Protestant group, the Christian Missionary Alliance also known as the Disciples of Christ practiced the biblical way of baptism - by immersion. He transferred to this group thinking that their beliefs were more scriptural than the previous churches he joined. Still, his thirst for scriptural truth was not fully satisfied by this group. He soon found many contradictions in their beliefs and decided to leave them when they could not answer his questions on doctrines. At age 25, he joined the Seventh Day Adventists Church and became one of its most outstanding evangelists. Brother Felix remained with the Adventists until the time that he began to question their observance of the Sabbath during Saturdays. When the Adventist failed to respond to his queries, he resigned as minister and member in 1913." (God's Message, Jul-Sep 1994,p.11)

This Felix Manalo is caught in his lies. He says he left the Disciples of Christ (Churches of Christ) because they could not answer his questions about doctrines. The truth came out, however, that he was actually expelled by the Disciples of Christ because of cruelty to his wife, adultery, and fornication. And he also lied that he left the Seventh Day Adventists because they could not respond to his query why Sabbath is observed during Saturdays when in fact he was also fired or disfellowshipped because of his conduct.

Q. What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 24 and what are its fallacies?

A. The following is an excerpt of the Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No.24:

"LESSON NO.24 - THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Theme: Each member of the Church of Christ should be listed with the Church and should submit to the Church Administration.

Objective: To teach the candidate for baptism concerning submission to the Church Administration by obeying the rules and orderliness imposed on the members such as the getting of a certificate of transfer, attendance on committee prayers, getting certificate of attendance in the worship service from locales other than the one he is registered in, etc.

Summary: Each member should submit to the Administration placed by God in the Church by means of total agreement with the teachings and rules observed in the Church of Christ.

Introduction: We should know that to ensure our salvation, we should remain members of the Church of Christ. For this reason, it is important that we know how to keep and maintain our membership in the Church."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.99)

THE FALLACIES OF THE DOCTRINE

There is no mention at all of ruling by a church administration in the Bible and neither was it taught by Felix Y. Manalo while he was alive. Therefore, it is only an invention of his son Erano G. Manalo in order to gain support and acceptance of being his father's successor. Immediately after the death of Felix Manalo in 1963, sermons in the Thursday and Sunday worships were about the new teaching of "Church Administration" position headed by Erano G. Manalo. Having no biblical basis for his Church Administration role, Erano went on a searching binge on all Bible translations and versions that were in print in search of the word "church administration". Through luck, he was able to find one Bible version that nearly matches the word "church administration." This is the New American Standard rendition of Eph.3:7,9. Several years later, the Rotherham's Version of Col.1:25 was found and had become the backbone of the church administration authority of Erano. Let's go to these church administration verses being used by Erano G. Manalo:

"of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of his power...and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things." -Eph.3:7,9 NASB

Reading the verses, you will realize the impropriety of using the verse because it is about the administration of mystery. What Manalo needs is the administration of his cult, not the mystery hidden in God.

This is the Rotherham's Emphasized Bible of Colossians 1:25:

"Of which [I] have become minister -- According to the administration of God which hath been given unto me to you-ward, To fill up the word of God." (Col.1:25 Rotherham's Emphasized Bible)

If we will read the conventional Bibles such as the New King James, there is no word of administration but the proper term is stewardship. Let's read:

"of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God," (Col.1:25 NKJV)

What is a steward? To understand this position, recollect any steward that you know. That brings to mind the stewardess of airlines. What is the duty of stewardess and what kind of position is it? The stewardess is the servant of the passengers. She serves food and gives comfort to the passengers. Therefore, Erano Manalo in elevating himself as Church Administrator is not a servant but a master and a dictator of the Iglesia cult. His exalting himself as the Church Administrator is the fulfillment of the prediction by Apostle Paul concerning the rise of a deceiver who exalts himself above all.

Thus Apostle Paul warned:

"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." - 2 Thess. 2:3-4 NKJV

Iglesia ni Cristo members though they like it or not, they are serving Erano in a god like fashion. It is his sermons that members hear every Thursdays and Sundays. It is him who should be obeyed in any matter. It is him who promulgates laws, rules, and regulations. It is him who decides how members should live. It is him who decides the correct understanding of the Bible. And there is no one who can question him in any matter.

In Today's English Version, Col.1:25 is translated as servant of the church of God:

"And I have been made a servant of the church of God, who gave me this task to perform for your good. It is the task of fully proclaiming his message." -Col.1:25 TEV

In the New International Version, it is translated also as a servant:

"I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness--" -Col.1:25 NIV

Who is the one referred to in the verse as the minister steward/servant from God of the church of God? If we will read the upper Verse 23, it is Apostle Paul. In effect, the use of the verse by Erano, he is stealing the position of Apostle Paul. This shows that this thievery habit runs in the blood of the Felix Manalo ancestry. It is called in lay terms as "LIKE FATHER LIKE SON."

THE DOCTRINE OF THE NICOLAITANS

Why is it that all Bible translators except Joseph Bryant Rotherham did not use the word "administration"? Firstly, because stewardship or servant hood is not administration. In administration there is a hierarchy of individuals from top to bottom. Secondly, ecclesiastical or administrative order is hated by Jesus Christ. This order of hierarchy by groups of men is labeled in the Bible as the practice of the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which Jesus hates: Let's read the verse:

"Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate." -rev.2:15 NKJV

What is the doctrine of the Nicolaitans? The word Nicolaitans comes from two Greek words "niko" which means to conquer or overthrow, and "laos" which means the laity or people. Therefore, the doctrine of Nicolaitans is a doctrine where people are conquered by an ecclesiastical or administrative order. The church of Ephesus had once practiced this (Rev.2:6). But it was the church of Pergamos that did not eradicate the doctrine (Rev.2:15). The doctrine of Nicolaitans is a form to evade the doctrines of God by creating separate rules for them in order to access the desires of the flesh. Why does Jesus Christ hate it when God's people are ruled by an administrative or ecclesiastical body or following the doctrine of the Nicolaitans? It is because it should be the Holy Spirit who should rule and teach the people (Rev.2:17). If an administrative hierarchy rules over the lay people without their voices heard, it is not conducive to a strong spiritual environment because the people depend on the Administrator and not on God. The spiritual well being of the people is therefore undermined as the Administrator decides which one will be saved or not saved. The lay people or members will be forced by the Administrator's adjuncts to obey blindly the Administrator and submit to their every whim.

How does Erano G. Manalo practice the doctrine of the Nicolaitans? He has established an administrative ranking from top to bottom as follows:

- RANK 1 - Executive Minister (Erano G. Manalo)
- RANK 2 - Deputy Executive Minister (Eduardo V. Manalo)
- RANK 3 - Executive Council (Corporate officer ministers)

RANK 4 - District Ministers
RANK 5 - Assigned Locale ministers of all INC congregations
RANK 6 - Locale officers of the congregations;
RANK 7 - Ordinary members.

The administrative ranking obligates those of lower ranks to report or be supervised by the ranks above them. The obligation of the lower ranks is always to obey the upper ranks. This kind of dictatorship bodes well for the Manalo owner of the Iglesia corporation. Whatever Manalo desires are passed on to his next rank and it becomes a passing the buck ordeal. The lower ranks always say Amen.

If Manalo desires to make the semi annual thanksgivings into quarterly thanksgivings, the echoes go from top to bottom and all will say Amen. If Manalo wants all members to have month long devotional prayers, all will say "AMEN." If Erano Manalo wants all members to sell all their properties (his son exempted) and proceeds given to the Church of Christ, all will say "AMEN!" And finally, if Erano Manalo commands all members to be in the chapels at a certain date and time to have their Last Supper of grape juices with cyanide potion, all will give their lives to their leader faithfully. In the end, Erano G. Manalo has conquered his people members through the use of the doctrine of the Nicolaitans.

Q. What are the deceptions included in this Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 24?

A. The following are the deceptions written by Manalo in questions and answers format:

1. "Q. What is the obligation of each member of the Church of Christ to keep him in the Church?

A. Submit to the Church Administration...Heb.13:17

Explain: It is God who placed the administration in the Church and has given it the responsibility to watch over us. It is our obligation to submit ourselves and to obey it. Unlike in other religions, members of the Church of Christ are lovingly cared for so that our service to God can be administered properly.

2. Q. Who are administering us and why should we submit our selves to them:

A. The ministers are given the task to make known the words of God...Col.1:25 RSV

Explain: In the Church of Christ there is someone given by God the task of administering His people and making His words known to them. The present Executive Minister of the Church of Christ is brother Erano G. Manalo.

3. Q. Aside from the over all administrator (Executive Minister), whom else should we submit ourselves to?

A. Those who help the administration...1 Cor.16:15-16;

Note: The Executive Minister has helpers in administering us. Thus, there are ministers, evangelical workers, locale church leaders overseeing us and administering our service to God. Each of us should submit himself to the Church Administration so that we may remain administered in our service to God.

4. Q. How are we placed under the administration of the Church?

A. We should be bound on earth so that we may also be bound in heaven...Mt.18:18

Note: On this occasion Christ spoke to Apostles to whom He gave the Administration of His Church in the first century. Christ made sure that whomever the Apostles would bind on earth would also be bound in heaven, and whomever they would loose on earth would also be loosed in heaven. Thus, because in these last days God also placed an administration in the Church, whomever these administrators bind on earth will also be bound in heaven and whomever they will loose on earth will also be loosed in heaven.

5. Q. What is this bind taught by the Bible which only the Church Administration has the right to use on the Church members?

A. The commandments of God...Prov.3:3,1;

Note: The commandments or words of God are compared to a bind by the Bible. Thus, those with the right to bind this on man are the Church Administrators because this bind is given to them to reveal to man the words of God (Col.1:25);

6. Q. How is this binding by the words of God done on man?

A., Preach it--so that those who believe may be saved...Mk.16:15-16;

Explain: not all those who listen to the preaching of the words of God are bound. Only those who believe in the Gospel being preached are bound and these are the ones who will be saved according to Christ.

7. Q. What does the Church Administration do to ensure that we indeed have been bound and become obedient to the Gospel for us to remain in the service to God?

A. They set decisions or rules...Acts 16:4;

Explain: In the first century Church, the Apostles set decisions or rules to ensure that the brethren were obeying the Gospel being preached. In our times there are also rules and regulations set by the Administration to ensure the orderly management of our services to God. This does not mean that we create new doctrines.

Instruction: What is one of the regulations being set by the Administration which we should obey so that we may remain within the Administration or bound by it? Each and every member must be listed in the Church so that he may be properly administered in his services to God. Whoever is not listed in the Church registry is not recognized as a member.

8. Q. How important is being listed in the Church which is one of the regulations for those bound by the law?

A. Those listed will be saved...Dan 12:1

9. Q. What book is referred to where those who will be saved are listed?

A. The book of life in heaven...Rev.20:12;

10. Q. How can we be certain that we are listed in heaven?

A. We are bound by the Administration on earth...Mt.18:18

Note: If your name does not appear in the Church registry on earth, it does not appear in the registry in heaven (the Book of Life). If you are not listed with the Church, you are not considered a member and therefore will not be saved on the Day of Judgment."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo., pp.102-103)

EXPLANATION OF MANALO'S DECEPTIONS

1. On Heb.13:17 - The obligation of each member is to obey the Church Administration?

"Obey those who have the rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you." -Heb.13:17 NKJV

The verse does not mention Church Administration, therefore, it is added by Erano Manalo. The verse can be used by anyone if the verse is not read carefully. Jim Jones of the People's Temple had used this verse and we know what happened to those who obeyed him and submitted to him--they obeyed him to commit suicides!

REQUIREMENTS OF THE VERSE

The pronoun "those" pertains to a specific class of persons. Who are these persons? If we will read the upper Verse 7 of the same chapter, the qualifications of these people that we should obey are enumerated:

"Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct." -Heb.13:7 NKJV

Based on the verse, the qualifications of those we should obey are:

1. Have spoken the word of God;
2. Whose faith follows;
3. Considering the outcome of their conduct.

On Requirement #1, Felix Y. Manalo is eliminated. The word that he is speaking is his own word or his own gospel called the Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo. Though he uses the Bible, the verses

are changed or made subservient to his doctrines. Manalo considers himself above the Bible because he teaches only himself is given the secrets of the Bible.

On Requirement #2, the faith that follows spoken here is no other than the faith in Christ (Gal.2:16). Manalo is eliminated here as well. The faith that he teaches is faith in the Church of Christ and faith in himself as the last days messenger of God. If you will ask every INC member the question, "Who is the last days messenger of God?" Every member will answer: "FELIX Y. MANALO!" If you will ask again the question, "Where must you be in order to be saved?" Each one will answer in chorus: " WE MUST BE INSIDE THE CHURCH OF CHRIST!" Therefore, faith in Jesus Christ did not follow in the teachings of their Manalo leader. Hebrews 1:1-2 teaches clearly who the real last messenger of God is, his initials are JC.

On Requirement #3, which is, considering the outcome of the conduct of Felix Manalo, what do you think? Is Manalo eliminated or does he qualify? This is the last requirement and Manalo is praying that he qualifies. After reading the evidences of his fornication, adultery, beating of his wife, and lying about the reasons for leaving his former religions, he is wiped out because his conduct is of the devil!

Therefore, Felix Y. Manalo and his cohorts of ministers should not be obeyed because they don't stand for the requirements of God. Who do you think placed Manalo to be obeyed by the Iglesia members? Guess who is the father of liars? If you don't, read John 8:44 to know the father of Felix Manalo.

2. On Col. 1:25 RSV - Those administering the Church of Christ are ministers making known the words of God?

"of which I became a minister according to the divine office which was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,"

As we have explained already, there is no term "church administration" in any Bible. The RSV speaks of "divine office". The authors of RSV concocted a new version called New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) which reverted the position to "servant." In the other translations as we already know, it is called steward or servant. It is never a church administration position. The minister position mentioned by the verse is the position of Apostle Paul and not a position of any Iglesia minister. Apostle Paul received his ministry direct from Jesus Christ who is the true last days messenger of God (Heb.1:1-2). What about the ministers of the Iglesia ni Cristo? They received their ministry from Felix Manalo, the fake last days messenger of God. Apostle Paul preaches the true gospel of Christ while the ministers of Manalo preach the gospel of Manalo.

3. On 1 Cor. 16:15-16 - Minister helpers of Erano Manalo must also be obeyed and submitted to?

"I urge you, brethren--you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints--that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us." -1 Cor.16:15-16 NKJV

The true ministers of God are ministers of the true saints. What about the ministers of Manalo? They are ministers of sinners and not members of the true ministry. No one should obey or submit to any person of a false religion or cult. They only are the purveyors of lies and should not be trusted. By this point, the reader should be fully informed of the false teachings of the Iglesia ni Cristo by now.

4. On Mt.18:18 - Iglesia members are placed under the Church Administration by the binding on earth authority?

"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." -Mt.18:18 NKJV

The pronoun "you" pertains to the disciples of Christ (Mt.18:1). It is never an authority to the disciples of Manalo. The context of binding and loosing here refers to the permitting and not permitting of things. If you bound, you are not permitted to do the things. If you are loosed, you are permitted to do the things. Binding and loosing originates from heaven and not from earth. It is God who decides what's to be bound

and loosed, not men. Example of binding and loosing: You are bound to the law not to kill. This means you are not permitted to kill. You are loosed to the law of marrying one husband. This means you are permitted to marry only one man. When your husband dies, you are loosed from the law of God. Therefore, you are permitted to marry another one.

Since Manalo has a different and antichrist gospel, he teaches another binding and loosing gospel. Which is this another gospel? It is the binding and loosing by his church administration gospel that he added to the Bible which controls the mind, body and soul of all INC members.

5. On Prov.3:3,1 - The bind is the commandment of God?

"Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,..
My Son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;" -Prov.3:3,1, NKJV

Are you wondering why verse three comes before verse one here? This Manalo's gospel has the footprints of the devil. Verse 1 is supposed to come first then Verse 3, but the protégé of the devil is making Verse 3 precede Verse 1 in order to twist the words of God.

According to the true gospel, which are the binds? Mercy and truth are the binds! What about the commands of God? They are God's law! Are mercies and truths real binds to the neck? Absolutely! If truth binds your neck, are you able to tell a lie? No! You can't speak because your neck is tied. Truth is a strong tie that can inhibit your vocal chord from telling a lie. The same is true for mercy. If mercy ties your neck, you will always be merciful. Why? Because if you don't show mercy, God is not going to show mercy on you in return. Manalo is trying to tie together these two previous verses in saying that the commands of God are to submit to the INC administration to receive the binds of mercy and to remain in the truth. This is the trick of the devil, deceit and lies.

6. On Mk.16:15-16 - Binding is done by preaching so that those who believe may be saved?

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." -Mk.16:15-16 NKJV

Examine the words of the verse if you can find the word "bind". Did you find it? None! Preaching the gospel of Christ is not binding but freeing or giving liberty to the captives. Let's read the prophecy of Christ:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;" -Isa.61:1 NKJV

Therefore, the true gospel of Christ is giving liberty and releasement from prison to those who are bound. It is not binding or imprisoning. What about the gospel of the devil, is it binding or giving liberty? Let's read:

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death he might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." -Heb.2:14 NKJV

There it is! The binding by the Iglesia ni Cristo is the doctrine of the devil. Iglesia members are bound and tied; their necks are clamped with iron chains, and are also imprisoned inside Manalo's religion. They are bound to give thanksgiving monies in their entire lifetime. And these people are given the fear of death that if they ever leave the Manalo's concoction, they will be thrown into the lake of fire.

7. On Acts 16:4 - The church administration of Manalo made rules in order to bind members to stay inside the Church of Christ?

"And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem." -Acts 16:4 NKJV

Where in the verse does it say decrees are intended to bind members? None! But Manalo is using the verse to bind the members. What is the decree spoken about by the verse? It is the Jerusalem Council decree in 50 A.D. when the apostles assembled in Jerusalem to consider the controversy of circumcision of the Gentile brethren. According to that decree, Gentile brethren are not required to be circumcised the way Jews are required except the enumerated things concerning idols, blood, and sexual immorality (Acts 15:22-29).

In the true church, do the apostles approve many rules and regulations? Let's read their teachings:

"Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations--Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle, which all concern things which perish and the using--according to the commandments and doctrines of men?" -Col.2:20-22 NKJV

Therefore, the Apostle Paul is wary of many regulations that will turn the words of God into doctrines and commandments of men.

8. On Daniel 12:1 - One of the regulations, is being listed in the Church of Christ registry in order to be saved?

"At that time Michael shall stand up,
The great prince who stands watch over the
sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time
And at that time your people shall be delivered,
Every one who is found written in the book." -Dan.12:1 NKJV

This Manalo is changing the Scripture. Never did the verse say that being listed in the Church of Christ registry is a regulation. What the verse basically says is at that time of trouble never was seen before, the people of God will be delivered to be watched by angel Michael everyone whose name is written in the book.

9. on Rev.20:12 - The book is the book of life in heaven?

"And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books." Rev.20:12 NKJV

The great white throne judgment happens only after the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ. This is what we call the second resurrection. All those in Christ or those in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev.21:27) have already resurrected and are already saved. Every name that is in the Lamb's Book of Life is saved. The works they do on earth determine their rewards and place in heaven. So the book mentioned in Dan is the Book of Life, but it is not the INC that writes the names in it.

10. On Mt.18:18 - Those bound by the Church Administration of Manalo are listed in the Book of Life in heaven"

"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Where in the verse did you find the word "church administration"? None! This Manalo is creating something when there is nothing. The pronoun "you" refers to Christ's disciples (Mt.18:1). It is never pertaining to disciples of Manalo. The difference between Christ's disciples and Manalo's disciples is Christ's disciples teach both binding and loosing which Manalo's disciples teach only binding or imprisoning while one is alive. Well, when the member dies, their name is loosened out of the book and erased. Manalo practices loosing only when Iglesia members die. At member's death, Manalo instructs records keepers to delist those dead or sleeping INC brethren. The treachery of Manalo is founded by his claim the members won't know their names are delisted because they are already buried under the ground. But then what about the book, if their name is erased, how can it be found written in the Book of Life if the Manalo's erase them all out when they die?

This entire lesson's goal is to place a blanket over the members head. That blanket is a false authority where the member is duped into accepting that these verses are applicable to the INC. They are not of course. The Manalo's have falsely injected the INC into these verses which is unbiblical. If the member submits to this false authority they then are lulled into sleep and will accept anything the administration tells them. This is classic mind conditioning, a definite sign of cult behavior.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 40
Lesson 24 - The Church Administration - Part 2
By C.R. - August 4, 2003

Q. What are the continuing deceptions of Manalo pertaining to his Doctrine Lesson No.24?

A. The following is the excerpt of his deceptions in questions and answers format:

11. Q. What is the equivalent of being loosed?

A. Being expelled from the Church...1 Cor.5:13

Note: If those bound on earth are those who remain members of the Church then those who are loosed are those removed from the membership or expelled. Remember that those loosed on earth are also loosed in heaven.

12. Q. To whom are the expelled given?

A. To Satan...1 Tim.1:19-20

13. Q. Can those who do not remain bound or who are expelled from the Church expect salvation?

A. They will be burned...Jn.15:6

Conclusion: Whoever does not remain members of the Church will not be saved. Therefore let us avoid those things that can cause our separation from the Church or those that can erase our names from the Church registry. Those not listed are not counted as members and will not be saved.

14. Q. Will the services to God done by those separated from the Church have any value?

A. Those separated have no God...Eph.2:12 RSV

15. Q. How can we remain in the Church of Christ?

A. Remain in Christ and remain in the word...Jn.15:7 NIV

16. Q. How can we remain in Christ?

A. Remain as branch or a member...Jn.15:5 NIV

17. Q. And how do we remain in the words of Christ?

A. Keep the commandments...Jn.15:9-10

18. Q. What else should be obeyed by each Church member?

A. Rules set by the Church Administration...Acts 16:4.

19. Q. Until when should we remain members of the Church of Christ to ensure our salvation?

A. Until the end...Mt.24:13

Conclusion: Therefore to ensure our salvation we should remain in the Church of Christ until the end (end of our life or end of the world).

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ)....pp.102-103)

EXPLANATION OF THE MANALO DECEPTIONS

11. On 1 Cor.5:13 TEV - The equivalent of being loosed is expulsion from the Church of Christ?

"But should you not judge the members of your own fellowship? As the Scripture says "Remove the evil person from your group." -1 Cor.5:13 TEV

Manalo is teaching the evil doctrine of imprisoning his members. He does not want them to escape his prison. Therefore he is applying to them the reverse psychology of being the evil person. If somebody tells you, "You are the evil person," naturally, you will say, "No I am not!" And you make sure that you will not disobey the Church of Christ doctrines or else you will become that evil person.

As already taken up, the binding and loosing in the true church is not listing or delisting in the church registry. Binding is not permitting to do certain things while loosing is permitting to do certain things. There is no verse in the New Testament where believers of Christ are maintained in a listing or registry book. How about in the Old Testament? In the Old Testament, listing of members was the cause of God's punishing Israel because it was not ordered by God but was dictated by Satan to David. Let's read:

"Now Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel. So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring the number of them to me that I may know it." And Joab answered "May the Lord make His people a hundred times more than they are. But my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt in Israel?" Nevertheless the king prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came to Jerusalem. Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to David. All Israel had one million one hundred thousand men who drew the sword, and Judah had four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew the sword. But he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them for the king's word was abominable to Joab. And God was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel. So David said to God "I have sinned greatly because I have done this thing; but now I pray take away the iniquity of Your servant for I have done very foolishly." -1 Chro.21:1-7 NKJV

If we will continue reading the verses, God had given David the choice of punishment among three choices: Either three years of famine or three months to be defeated by his foes with the sword or three years of plague of the land using the sword of the Lord through His angel destroying the territories of Israel and its people. David had chosen the third choice, which is, the plague. The plague has caused the death of seventy thousand men of Israel. It was stopped only when God relented and seeing David prayed that the anger be inflicted on him not the people of Israel because it's him who had done the numbering iniquity. God ordered David to erect an altar in order to withdraw the plague so David obeyed the erecting of an altar where burnt offerings are done. So God commanded His angel to return his sword to its sheath.

Therefore, numbering of people, which is, listing of people or taking census is detestable to God. Listing of His people is only the province of God. Only God decides who should or should not be saved. Only God (Father, Son Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit) has the authority to write the names in His Books.

12. On 1 Tim.19:20 - The expelled are given to Satan?

"having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme." - Tim.1:19-20 NKJV

These two men Hymenaeus and Alexander were two believers of Christ who did not fight a good fight as good Christians. Hymenaeus is one who strayed concerning the truth saying that the resurrection of the children of God is already past (2 Tim.2:17-18), while Alexander did harm to Apostle Paul whom he did not stand with him but forsook him (2 Tim.4:14-16). Alexander is a coppersmith who sided with the Ephesian coppersmith association denouncing Apostle Paul and his companions who were of the Way preaching that the copper/silver made shrines of goddess Diana are not gods and threatening their livelihood and all of Ephesus (Acts 19:33).

The context of giving to Satan does not mean that Hymenaeus and Alexander have no more salvation. Satan and men have no power to kill the soul of man (Lk.12:4-6). Therefore, only God has that power to send anyone to hell. So, what's the purpose of giving to Satan? It is only for infliction of punishment by God (allowing Satan to inflict body punishment) so that Alexander and Hymenaeus LEARN not to blaspheme (1 Tim.1:20). Did we not take this up before that children of God are always children of God and if they did some wrongs will get whips from God because God loves His children (Heb.12:5-6)?

Manalo being the protégé of the deceiver teaches another doctrine. And his doctrine is the doctrine of scaring and scaring and sowing the fear of death into the member's minds and hearts so that they will always be in bondage inside Manalo's Iglesia ni Cristo cult.

13. On Jn.15:6 - Expelled Church of Christ members are burned in the lake of Fire?

"If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered, and they gather them and throw them into the fire and they are burned." -Jn.15:6 NKJV

The verse does not speak of abiding in the Church of Christ. It is instead speaking about abiding in Jesus Christ. This Manalo always twists the words of God. Therefore if anyone does not abide in Jesus Christ, he will wither and thrown into the fire.

THE PARABLE OF THE VINE

The parable of the vine is the following:

True vinedressers - The Father
True vine/church - The Lord Jesus Christ
True branches/members - Believers of Christ
Not abiding - not living in holiness
fruit - good conduct
fire - chastening fire

False vinedresser - The devil
False vine/church - False christ or the beast masquerading as Church of Christ or I.N.C.
False branches/members - Non believers of Jesus Christ (e.g. believers of Felix Manalo)
not abiding - not believing Jesus Christ
fruit - iniquities or unrighteousness
fire - lake of fire (hell)

THE TRUE VINE OR TRUE CHURCH

The parable of the vine is applied in two fronts. One is the true vine and the other is the false vine. In the true vine or true church the vine is Jesus Christ while the branches of the vine or members are Christ's believers who are made one with Christ or of the same vine or same flesh and bones of Jesus Christ (made one flesh). Not abiding in the true vine is not living in holiness (not living the words of Christ). God waters them with the truth. The fruit to bear are good conduct (fruit of the Spirit) while the fire for not bearing good conduct is the chastening fire (or whips of God).

THE FALSE VINE OR FALSE CHURCH

The false vine or false church is the Church of Christ of Manalo (and other cults). The branches of these false vines are their members such as the Iglesia members or Moonies or Mormons or Adventists, and others. Not abiding in these false vines is not abiding in Jesus Christ, which is actually abiding in their respective cult leaders. Fruits of these false vines are fruits of unrighteousness because they follow their cult leaders who exalt themselves as replacements of Jesus Christ (teaching members to believe in their cult leaders rather than Jesus Christ). Of course their father the devil waters them with lies. The fire applicable to them is the lake of fire which is the eternal punishment for being unbelievers of God and Jesus Christ.

14. On Eph.2:12 RSV - Services done by those separated from the Church of Christ of Manalo have no value?

"remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise having no hope and without God in the world." -Eph.2:12 RSV.

Manalo Bible twister, GOTCHA! There is no Church of Christ name mentioned by the verse! Naturally, those who are apart from Jesus Christ or non believers of Jesus Christ do not have the promise. Example: A good example of those separated from Christ are the Iglesia ni Cristo members. Why are they separated from Christ? It is because they are called by Manalo to be in another body called church of Manalo body.

Therefore Iglesia members do not have God. What they have is the evil god of this world that holds them in prison. Denying the Son is equal to denying the Father (1 Jn 2:22-23).

If you are a current member of Manalo's religion, what must you do to this deceiving Manalo who always twists the words of God? Say to Manalo:

"HEY YOU, UNTAUGHT AND UNSTABLE MAN, YOU ALWAYS TWISTS THE SCRIPTURES, GET LOST!"

Is it a teaching of the apostles that those who twist the words of God are untaught and unstable persons? Absolutely! Let's read the Apostle Peter's teaching:

"as also in all his epistles speaking in them of these things in which are some things hard to understand which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction as they do also the rest of the Scriptures." -2 Pet.3:10 NKJV

Therefore, Manalo is leading his Iglesia ni Cristo members to their own destruction. It is about time that they kick the butt of Felix and Erano Manalo, the Bible twisters!

15. On Jn.15:7 NIV - To remain in the Church of Christ is remaining in Christ and His word?

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given to you." - Jn.15:7 NIV

Who says one must remain in the Church of Christ? Not the Bible! Not the Lord Jesus Christ! And not even the apostles! It is said by the devil through the mouth of Manalo that came out disguised as a question! Let's read again Manalo's question.

Question: How can we remain in the Church of Christ?

Ponder on this question. Is it not that Manalo is the one teaching members to remain in the Church of Christ? Absolutely!

This deceiver and liar is replacing Jesus Christ with his church of Manalo. And this Manalo guy could not even hide his deceptive tricks but display and print them for all eyes to see. Which is this? It is his bible jumping tricks. He jumps from TEV to RSV to NKJV to NIV. Probably, this Manalo deceiver is an avid rope jumping sport player when he was young. He could not restrain his jumping sprees and uses the Bible for his jumping exercises.

Christ says, "If you remain in me..," therefore it is HIM or it is JESUS CHRIST! It is never remaining in the church of Manalo. Why does Felix Manalo want to replace Jesus Christ with his church of Manalo? Because what we are seeing is the false christ that has been forewarned to rise before the end of the age (Mt.24:5,24). Now we know the false christ. The false christ is the church of Christ of Manalo! What is the proof that the church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo is the false christ? It should be Jesus Christ whom we must remain with, but, this Manalo is teaching remaining in the church of Christ which is really his church of Manalo. Therefore, this false church of Christ is acting as Jesus Christ and seeks to replace Him!

16. On Jn.15:5 To remain in Christ is remaining as branch or member of the Church of Christ?

"I am the vine you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." -Jn.15:5 NIV

Who is the true vine in this verse? It is the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn.15:1). And who are the branches? Naturally, the branches are the branches of the true vine Jesus Christ. What about the false vine? What is this false vine? It is the church of Christ of Manalo, the false christ! And who are the branches of this false vine? Of course, they are the members of church of Christ of Manalo? They are not attached to Christ but are attached to Manalo instead.

17. On Jn.15:9-10 - To remain in the words of Christ is by keeping His commandments?

"As the Father has loved me so have I love you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love." -Jn.15:9-10 NIV

It is not keeping the commands, you liar! It is instead obeying His commands in order to remain in Christ's love. What is the use of keeping the commands if you don't obey them? According to the verse, in order to remain in Christ's love, we must obey Christ's commands just as Christ has obeyed His Father's commands. That is why the Father's love remained in Christ.

What about the devil's teaching of Manalo? He wants Iglesia members to love their church of Christ idol so that their church of Christ idol's love remains in them. And how do they love their INC idol? They can love their INC idol by obeying the church of Christ's commands! In the false man made religion of the INC, the emphasis is always itself, never Jesus Christ or the Father. The INC can really care less about Jesus Christ.

18. On Acts 16:4 - What are to be obeyed by Iglesia members are the rules set by Manalo's Church Administration?

"And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem." Acts 16:4 NKJV

The verse twisting just keeps getting better and better! The decrees pertain to the things to KEEP! Which are these things to keep? Let's read:

"that you abstain from things offered to idols from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these you will do well." Acts 15:29 NKJV

This Manalo protégé of the devil always does perversions to the Bible. He wants to convert the four decrees into his thousands of church of Christ rules and regulations which are man made by Felix and Erano Manalo. From these corrupt deceptions one can see how we loose our patience with such matters.

19. On Mt.24:13 - Until when church of Christ members remain as INC members in order to be saved is until the end of the world or until the end of their lives whichever comes first?

"But he who endures to the end shall be saved." -Mt.24:13 NKJV

Who is teaching that church of Christ members must remain in the cult until the end in order to be saved? IT IS THE DEVIL! It is always the wish and will of the devil that his slaves will be imprisoned in the Iglesia ni Cristo. It does not matter which end is it as long as they are in the devil's hands. If God guards His children, so also the devil guards his trapped children.

WHAT IS TO BE ENDURED UNTIL THE END

The things to be endured by children of God are not the things endured by children of the devil. Manalo, being of the devil, teaches another kind of enduring, slavery to the INC. What are the teachings of Manalo that must be endured? Let's enumerate some of them:

1. To attend the Thursday and Sunday worships, until the end;
2. To deposit monies weekly, increasing year after year, until the end;
3. To give money thanksgivings to Manalo twice a year, until the end;
4. To look for INC cult prospects to be deceived, until the end;
5. To attend the weekly committee gatherings, until the end;
6. To attend the family gatherings, until the end;
7. To give to the many kinds of offerings, until the end;
8. To do all your duties and works in the Iglesia ni Cristo without pay, until the end;
9. To suffer the heavy burdens imposed by Manalo until the end;
10. To not exchange your INC membership with anything in this world, until the end;

11. To continually ask forgiveness of your sins, until the end;
12. To endure persecutions for the sake of Felix Manalo and for the Iglesia ni Cristo's lawlessness, until the end;
13. To help feed the ministers of Manalo, until the end;
14. To bring food and snacks to the Bible Expositions GEM, Video presentations, until the end.
15. To obey future duties and responsibilities that will be relayed in future worship services, until the end.

As you can see, Manalo has concocted many things to be endured by his slaves in the cult. Iglesia members have become the hostages of Manalo for whatever whims that goes to his mind.

"HEY YOU, DEACON BOB, YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR DAUGHTER NOT TO MARRY A NON MEMBER, OR ELSE, YOUR FAMILY WILL BE CURSED BY GOD!"

So many things and regulations are being enforced by Manalo. If any one of these things is not endured, Manalo will take back their salvation. The irony of this is that after the members die, Manalo will take back their salvation just the same because he delists dead members from his registry books.

What about in the true church? What are the things to be endured by God's children? Are there lots and lots of things to endure and too heavy and burdensome works such as those required by Manalo? Let's read what is to be endured:

"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved." - Mt.13:13 NKJV

There is only ONE item to endure! Only the hating (persecutions) for Christ's name. That's it! Nothing more. Nothing less. Is this supported by the teaching of the apostles? Absolutely. Let's read:

"And we labor working with our own hands. Being reviled we bless; persecuted we endure, being defamed we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world the off-scouring of all things until now." - 1Cor.4:12-13 NKJV

The verse says, "persecuted we endure," therefore, it is the teaching of the apostles to endure the hates and persecutions for Christ's name.

As a conclusion, the things ordered by Manalo to be endured by Iglesia ni Cristo members are only his own commandments. They are not God's commands. And neither are they Christ's commands because Christ's yoke is easy and His burden is light (Mt.11:30).

This entire study is designed to brain wash the member into submitting blindly to the authority of the INC. Whatever the INC says, goes, no questions asked. This blind following is what causes INC members to not question what they are taught and told, thus trapping them into a false antichrist cult. Even when one attempts to show INC members the verses and truth of God's word, they are so beleaguered and subservient to the INC that they do not even attempt to reason or rationalize what verses or the Bible actually says. They are just spoon fed from the INC and are not allowed to question or challenge. This is pure mind control.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 41

Lesson 25 - Unity - Part 1

By C.R. – October 8, 2003

Q. What is the salvation farce of the Iglesia ni Cristo?

A. The salvation farce of the Iglesia ni Cristo is its unending requirements and Iglesia works needed for salvation and there is no point in time nor degrees of compliance when members will finally qualify for salvation. There is always a bar or cliff or higher requirements or impediments to overcome. Once you are trained by Manalo in doing the works he likes you to do, the more works he expects and the more work he gives.

As Manalo pulls you higher and higher with higher requirements, you will be scared of tripping or looking back for fear of falling down. It is like a high mountain where you start at the foot while Manalo guides you to climb up. Guiding you first to reach midway. From midway up, you are to obey whatever he says as you have become dependent on him. At that height, you are scared enough and to follow blindly what Manalo commands you, and so you continue to climb climb climb, obey obey obey. Manalo may even throw a rock at you to scare you if you don't follow him. "Unload your monies," he says, and you are happy to get rid of such impediments to salvation. As you throw your monies to a section of the mountain, you realize that it is a huge canvass bag depositary with rope pulley controlled by Manalo, but it does not matter to you now. What matters is the salvation promise by Manalo when someday you will reach the top of the mountain. Unfortunately, when you have nothing left, and your muscles have been used up, Manalo will realize that you are no longer of value. That is the time when he will get rid of you and will pull the plug (or rope, or tag name in his registry book) that is holding you. And that is the time when you plunge down the ravine like debris having a fiery fall. You have now died. You have now become the debris of Manalo and of his Iglesia once you die never to be remembered once again even by your relatives as Manalo prohibits remembering the dead.

ILLUSTRATION OF THE SALVATION FARCE OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO

BIEN C. SANTIAGO: "Sir, what must I do to be saved?"

MANALO: "Initially, you must become Iglesia ni Cristo member by allowing yourself to be indoctrinated by an Iglesia ni Cristo minister consisting of 27 lessons, 6 months of worship service attendance trials, and baptism in the Church of Christ. Those are the initial requirements in order to be listed here on earth by the church of Christ administration. Upon listing your name on earth, your name will be automatically listed in heaven."

BIEN C. SANTIAGO: "Sir, I have done all those requirements of becoming a member. My name is now placed in the tag board. Am I saved now?"

MANALO: "Not yet! You must attend for the rest of your life the worship services on Thursdays and Sundays, attend the committee and family prayers weekly, watch out for members of your household, if any, so that they don't absent themselves from the worships, deposit monies weekly for your year-end thanksgivings, offer monies in the worships, offer monies for the local expenses, subscribe to the God's Message magazine for two copies to be distributed free to your prospects for INC memberships, invite your friends and relatives to the weekly bible studies, video presentations and grand evangelical missions."

BIEN C. SANTIAGO: "Sir, I have done all those things. Am I saved now?"

MANALO: "Who told you? Have you renewed your life? Have you done all the commands of God as instructed by the Church Administration? Have you progressed in your faith by becoming an officer to do lots of work for the Church without pay? Have you progressed in your yearly December thanksgivings, meaning, increase yearly your total deposits as compared to what you have deposited last year? How many fruits or converts have you produced? Therefore, Bien, you are not yet qualified to be saved. Who knows if tomorrow you will exchange your membership in the Church of Christ?"

BIEN C. SANTIAGO: "Sir, finally, I have done all those things required of me. I promise that I will not exchange my Iglesia membership with anything in this world. Am I saved now?"

MANALO: "Who told you? How can you be saved when you do not know yet the things you will have to do which you will know only by attending the future worship services? You are my slave for life, no escape!"

NOVEMBER 1, 2003: Bien C. Santiago died from old age as a faithful Iglesia ni Cristo member. The following day, Manalo summoned his records officer.

MANALO: "Hey you, Records Officer, delist, remove, or wipe out the name of Bien C. Santiago from our registry books. We do not need his record anymore. From now on, I don't want to see his name in the quarterly report list of members anymore. Is that clear to you, Records Officer?" "Yes, SIREE!"

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, here comes Jose Ventilacion, a new Iglesia prospect.

JOSE VENTILACION: "Sir, I attended your bible exposition and video presentations, what must I do in order to be saved?"

MANALO: "Kid, you must first be listed here on earth in order to be listed in heaven, but, before your name is listed here on earth, you must undergo first the indoctrinations until we are sure that you are sincere in becoming a child of Manalo, oops, sorry, I mean, a child of God (Hmmm, this turkey is a good replacement for Bien C. Santiago so that the corporation money collections will not decrease).."

JOSE VENTILACION: "Sir..Sir.., I like to be listed in heaven. When can I start to be indoctrinated?"

..AND THE CYCLE OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO OF MANALO SALVATION FARCE CONTINUES...

THE TRUE SALVATION

In the true church of God, salvation is permanent and can never be lost. Children of God will not lose their salvation because God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, guard them (Jn.10:28-29;16; Rom.8:35,38-39). Furthermore, God's calling are irrevocable (Rom.11:29 NKJV).

Q. What is the Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 25 and what are its fallacies?

A. The following is an excerpt of Manalo Gospel Doctrine Lesson No. 25:

"LESSON NO. 25 - UNITY

Theme: It is God's teaching that unity should prevail in the Church of Christ.

Summary: The Church of Christ believes that unity is God's teaching and that division within the Church is an evil thing. This unity implemented by the Church of Christ is not only during election time but also in its entire works in the service of God.

Introduction: People cannot but notice the unity of the Church of Christ. This fact is most visible during election times because the Church of Christ members vote as one. Although many acknowledge and admire this unity, others criticize it. It is because they fail to understand the whys and wherefores of this unity; they do not know the basis of unity within the Church of Christ.

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.105)

FALLACIES OF THIS MANALO GOSPEL DOCTRINE #25 -

This doctrine is the main doctrine used by Manalo to enforce bloc voting. Manalo is only misusing the verses of the Scriptures that do not pertain to the Iglesia religion. Unity in the Bible are used only by the Christians for good purpose and not for evil purpose of taking over the whole world. This is because the kingdom of Christ is not of this world (Jn.18:36). The original purpose why Felix Manalo has conceived this doctrine is so that he can muster votes in the Philippines for his political objectives of becoming the major powerful religious organization and to defeat the entrenched Catholic Church and the various Protestant Churches operating in the Philippines.

Outside of the Philippines, the Iglesia ni Cristo does not and cannot enforce this doctrine, such as in the United States, because enforcing it will be a violation of its granted tax free charter. Manalo will not enforce it; otherwise, the cult will be forced to pay taxes on all its incomes and properties in the U.S. It is only in the Philippines it can enforce bloc voting because most of the legislatures have been elected or were elected through bloc voting by the cult. Therefore, these legislatures are inside the pockets of Manalo. If unity is enforced only in the Philippines but not enforced in other countries, Manalo is making a mockery of his purported unity doctrine. He should change his doctrine's title into "UNITY ONLY IN THE PHILIPPINES."

The unity of the Iglesia ni Cristo is only a unity with Felix Manalo, its founder and his whims and desires. It is never a unity with God, with Christ, or with the apostles. Why is it so? It is because it is only Manalo who benefits. Every election time, candidates for election troop to the mansion of Erano to gain favor of getting the Iglesia vote. Of course, Erano knows the tactics of his deceased father in order to put the

candidate into his pockets. He will say, "Alright man, if we will vote for you, what are the things you will do for us?" If the candidate will say, "Sir, I will do this and this and that," Erano will say, "Uh oh, I don't buy that. Here are the papers that you will have to sign. Sign them quick as my notary public is waiting. We will talk about the rest of your being elected after you have signed the documents." If the candidate will relent, saying, "Sir, I will sign only Page 1," Erano's last words will be, "SIGN THEM OR LEAVE THE BUILDING!" Of course, after signing the papers, it is equivalent to jumping into the pockets of Erano Manalo. The elected official will become a commodity usable for any worthwhile trades on any Iglesia ni Cristo projects.

Q. What are the other deceptions of Manalo incorporated in his Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 25?

A. The following is an excerpt of Manalo's Doctrine Lesson #25 in questions and answers format:

1.Q. What is the basis of the Church of Christ in implementing unity among its members?

A. God's teaching...Ps.133:1

2. Q. Did Christ teach also unity in the Church?

A. He taught that we may be one...Jn.17:9,11

3. Q. What is the distinctiveness or uniqueness of the unity found in the Church?

A. God and Christ are with it...Jn.17:21,23

4. Q. Did the Apostles also teach unity in the Church?

A. Be perfectly joined in one mind and in one judgment...1 Cor.1:10

Conclusion: It should not surprise anyone that the members of the Church of Christ act as one because this is God's teaching as written in the Bible and as taught by Christ and His Apostles. Even though others think that they find fault with this unity, we should remain firm and never go against this teaching.

5. Q. How does God regard the Church of Christ which is the reason why it is being exhorted to be one or united?

A. One body...Rom.12:4-5 Or church...Col.1:18

Explain: A body, although composed of many parts having different functions, is one and its many parts are not fragmented. Each part functions for the common good or for the good of the whole body.

6. Q. Who arranged and made the Church into many parts but just one body?

A. God...1 Cor.12:18

7. Q. Why has God made it so that the members of the Church should be together in only one body?

A. So that there should be no division...1 Cor.12:25 TEV

8. Q. Why does God disapprove of divisions inside the Church of Christ?

A. Divisions are carnal...1 Cor. 3:3-4

9. Q. What is bad about being carnal?

A. That which is of the flesh is not of Christ...Rom.8:9

10.Q. Are things made carnal by division still of God?

A. These things are of the devil...Jas.3:14-15

11.Q. Thus, what did the Apostles advise us in order that God may remain with us?

A. Stay united...II Cor.13:11

12.Q. Why is it bad to have divisions and thus lose unity in the Church?

A. This destroys the total unity in everything...Eph.4:4-6

Conclusion: Therefore, unity should at all times be kept in the Church. Staying united as taught by God is the condition of God's staying with us.

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo, p. 105-107)

EXPLANATION OF MANALO'S DECEPTIONS -

1. On Ps.133:1 - Church of Christ's basis in implementing unity among members is that it is God's teaching?

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity." Ps.133:1 NKJV

This Manalo again misuses the Scriptures. The unity here pertains to unity of the brethren with God. It is never a unity with the administration of the Church of Christ of Manalo. Did the verse say, "Unity of the Church of Christ?" No! The verse is a psalm of David and mentioned brethren are the Jews. It is never the Church of Christ of Manalo. If all cults use this verse to have their own brand of unities, then, there will be many conflicting unities of the different denominations and cults. Unity should be with God.

2. On Jn.17:9,11 - Christ taught unity in the Church of Christ that they may be one?

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours...And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now, I am no longer in the world but these are in the world, and I come to You, Holy Father, keep them through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are." -Jn.17:9,11 NKJV

Is there any mentioning of the Church of Christ of Manalo in the verse? None! What the verse says is "...You, Holy Father, keep through Your Name." What is the name of the Holy Father? According to God Himself, His name forever is Lord God of Moses' fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob (Ex.3:15). Who are these given by God to Christ here? They are the ones who are given mercies by God (Rom.9:15). Manalo, the protégée of the devil, appropriated and commandeered the words of God for the evil purpose of having another kind of unity---the controlled unity with Manalo and nothing else. Why is it that those given by the Father to Jesus Christ do not and can not include Iglesia cult members? It is because the Iglesia does not subscribe to the teaching that when one is called by God that calling is irrevocable (Rom.11:29 NKJV). Iglesia ni Cristo members' salvation is always in danger. It is revocable. Whereas, those given by the Father to Jesus Christ can never be lost (Jn.18:9). It is noteworthy to highlight that Judas Iscariot, the former apostle who betrayed Jesus, was not called by God. Why is it so? Because those given by the Father to Jesus Christ can never be lost (Jn.18:9). The reason is that Judas Iscariot had never been a believer (Jn.6:64-71) and also he had not been cleansed (Jn.13:11). Only God truly can know and determine who is saved or not, not by the INC's log books.

3. On Jn.17:21,23 - The uniqueness of the unity found in the Church of Christ is that God and Christ are with it?

"That they all maybe one, as You, Father, are one in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that You sent Me... I in them, and You in Me; that they maybe made perfect in one, and that the world may know that you have sent Me, and have loved them, as you loved Me." - Jn.17:21,23 NKJV

Is the name Church of Christ of Manalo ever mentioned in the verses? No! Who are these people represented by the pronoun "they"? These are those who will believe Jesus Christ (Jn.17:20). It is never the believers of Felix Manalo. Anyone can believe and not be a member of a church or religion.

What is the difference between the previous unity in John 17:9-11 and this other unity in John 17:21-23? The previous verses children of God were the ones called by the Father and given to Jesus Christ while the latter are the ones who will believe Jesus Christ or called by Christ through their word (Jn.17:20). The phrase "through their word" is explained as through their mouth (Rom.10:8,10). This is confession by their mouths that Jesus is the Lord and Savior (Rom.10:9-10). Therefore, there are two classes of children of God. One class is those called by the Father while another class is those who are called by Jesus Christ by giving them faith in Him. The first group are the Jews while the second group are the Gentiles. Both are children of God and they are one with Jesus Christ as Jesus Christ is one with His Father.

What about the unity taught by Manalo, the false messenger? Since Manalo's teaching is of the devil, he is teaching another kind of unity. It is unity (blind subservience) with Manalo. Whatever Felix or Erano decides, that should be the unity that members must follow. It is a unity with Erano's rules and regulations and slates of candidates chosen by Manalo. Jesus Christ and His Father did not promulgate such concocted man-made unity rules and regulations.

Why is it that the verses in John 17:21-23 excludes Manalo's religion? It is because they have replaced Jesus with Manalo as the one sent by God. Another reason is that Manalo's religion is not one with the Father and Jesus Christ in loving. Whereas, the love that the Father and Son teaches is love to the members (Father and Jesus Christ love their children), Manalo teaches a different kind of love--love of the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ. It is always a sermon of Manalo to members to love the Church of Christ and never to exchange their memberships. It is always about the INC, never about Jesus Christ.

4. On 1 Cor.1:10 - The Apostles also teach unity in the Church of Christ of Manalo?

"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." - 1 Cor.1:10 NKJV

Again, did we read the name Church of Christ? No! This Manalo has changed the name of Lord Jesus Christ into his religions name Church of Christ. According to the Apostles, it should be the name of Jesus Christ that we should be perfectly joined together in the same mind and same judgment. It is never a unity with Manalo's Church of Christ.

5. On Rom.12:4-5 and Col.1:18 - God regards the Church of Christ of Manalo as one body or one Church?

"for as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another." -Rom.12:4-5 NKJV

Again, there is no mention of Church of Christ in the verses. What is mentioned are the MEMBERS. Who are the members? They are not members of the Church of Christ of Manalo but members or believers of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.12:27).

According also to the verse, members do not have the same function; therefore, these are not Iglesia members because Manalo's members have the same functions of doing everything what Manalo commands. Examples of Iglesia members having the same functions: 1. All Iglesia members have the same function of getting visitors for their bible expositions; 2. All Iglesia members have the same functions of attending the worships; 3. All Iglesia members have the same functions of giving thanksgiving monies.

Another notable difference between the children of God and the children of Manalo is in the kind of membership. Whereas, the children of God are members of one another, the children of Manalo are only members of the Iglesia ni Cristo. To illustrate, supposing John Smith is being indoctrinated by Rommel San Pedro, an Iglesia minister, and being accompanied by Bob, an Iglesia deacon. Deacon Bob is very eager to accompany John in all the indoctrination sessions because John, the indoctrinee, will become his first fruit. (Bearing soul fruit or new convert is a requisite for all Iglesia members). Upon baptism of John, John will become only a member of the Church of Christ. If John wants to become a member of Rommel and Bob, these two Iglesia members will say, "No, you can not become a member of us personally. Membership is only in the Church of Christ, not in our bodies." If John insists, probably the two Iglesia members will run away thinking maliciously that John is a gay.

Let us now go to the Colossian verse:

"And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence." -Col.1:18 NKJV

According to Manalo, the Church of Christ is the body of Jesus Christ based on this verse. It is not! This verse does not mention Church of Christ. Does "church" = the Iglesia Ni Cristo? No!

The mentioned word "church" since it is not written as a proper noun does not pertain to the Church of Christ, but to the believers or members. Each believer or each member is an individual church. Each Christian believer of Christ, is a church. Let's read the verse:

"Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." -1Cor.12:27 NKJV

Therefore, individual members are the bodies of Jesus Christ. Each member is a body of Christ. The Manalo protégé of the devil, however, has been impersonating his Church of Christ as the body of Christ when it is not. True believers are temples of God (Jn 2:21, 1 Cor 3:16).

According to the Colossian verse, Christ is the head of the body, the church. As explained further in Ephesian 1:22, Christ is the head of all things. Therefore, headship of Christ is not headship of any particular denomination such as the Manalo's Iglesia man made religion. As a matter of fact, Christ is the head of every man (1 Cor.10:3 NKJV).

6. On 1 Cor.12:18 - It is God who arranged and made the Church of Christ of Manalo into many parts but just one body?

"But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased." - Cor.12:18 NKJV

Hey Manalo deceiver, where in the verse does it say the Church of Christ is made many parts by God? Nowhere! It is the members that are set by God in the body of Christ. If we will read the upper verses, we will know the true principle of many members in one body:

"If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body, is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?" -1 Cor.12:15-17 NKJV

Now we know the practical application of many members in one body not having the same function. The hand, the ear, the eye, and the nose, are all parts of the human body, but they all perform different functions. So also are the members of the body of Jesus Christ. Each member has a different function.

How about in the Church of Christ of Manalo? Since it is following another gospel, all members have the same functions. All members are required to invite visitors thereby making the members all mouths. All members are required to give thanksgiving monies thereby making members all pick pocket hands picking their own pockets and purses to give monies to Manalo.

Apostle Paul asks, "If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing?" It will be a monster if you see a whole body of all eyes. How could this monster huge glob of eye walk or how could this monster eye eat?

How did Manalo solve his problem of turning his members into mouths, hands, feet, one at a time? He was provided by his master a magic wand. With the use of this magic wand, he is able to turn members into only one part of a body at a time. For example, every Thursdays and Sundays, with the stroke of his magic wand, Iglesia members are turned into feet to walk to the Iglesia chapels. With the stroke of the magic wand, all members are turned into pick pocket hands to pick their own pockets, purses and wallets of monies to surrender to Manalo as a thanksgiving deposits that cannot be withdrawn. And with the stroke of his magic wand on Saturdays, members are turned into mouths to invite people to attend the Bible deception studies.

Therefore, whose order is it to make Iglesia members become only one body part? Surely, it is not from God. Making people monsters could only be the work of the devil.

7. On 1 Cor. 12:25 TEV - God has made the Church of Christ of Manalo members together in one body so that there be no divisions?

"And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another."
-1 Cor.12:25 TEV

The Bible jumper did his jumping tricks once again. Jumping from the New King James Version to the Today's English Version. Manalo thinks that he can escape his perversions of the Bible. Why can he not escape? Because the different parts have the same concern for one another. How about Manalo's religion? What concern do they have? Do you think if they have invited people for their bible deception studies, it is for the concern of their co-brethren? No! Ask any Iglesia member if he or she is inviting for the concern of their co-brothers or co-sisters. The Iglesia member will answer: " No, I am inviting for the concern of the visitors and to ensure my salvation." But, what should this same concern for one another be? "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it" 1 Cor 12:26. The concern is the support and sharing of the good and bad in the member's life, this is Christian fellowship.

8. On 1 Cor. 3:3-4 - God disapproves divisions in the Church of Christ because divisions are carnal?

"for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?" -1 Cor.3:3-4 NKJV

This Felix Manalo is always making his Church of Christ become a Hollywood actor. For every verse that he picks, he says the Church of Christ is in that verse. He always changes the verse to include his Church of Christ. What will you do to an uninvited actor that suddenly appears and doing something that is not part of the script? We must have this Church of Christ actor arrested including its Manalo sponsor! After this Church of Christ actor is put away, what remains is the true context of the verse. According to the verse, envy, strife, and divisions, are behaviors of mere men that are carnal. Which is the example of this envy, strife, and divisions? The example is when one would say, I am of the faction of Apostle Paul or I am of the faction of Apollos. Why is this carnal? Because it is siding with mere men. The faction with whom Christians are supposed to side with is with Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is not a mere man. Is He? He is not a mere man. He is also a God (Heb.1:8-9, Is 9:6, John 1:1).

How about in Manalo's Church of Christ? Is there envy, strife, and divisions? Absolutely! Who are the members siding every time there is an issue of who is the last days messenger of God? That's right, the Iglesia members are siding with Felix Manalo, a mere man. They always side with Manalo. They don't side with Jesus Christ. What is the proof? When Christ said, "Enter by Me, (Jn.10:9)" what did they do? They sided with Manalo by entering Manalo's Church of Christ instead.

9. On Rom.8:9 - What is bad about being carnal is that which is of the flesh is not of Christ?

"But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His." -Rom.8:9 NKJV

The Spirit of Christ is the determining factor whether you are in Christ or whether you are not. How will you have the Spirit of Christ? You will have the Spirit of Christ if Christ will send you the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit dwells in you, you will be bearing fruit of the Spirit (Gal.5:22) or fruits of righteousness (Phil1:11).

How about if you are in the flesh such as being in the Church of Manalo? Since they do not have the Holy Spirit, what they have is the evil spirit. Who sent this evil spirit to them? Their true father sent them this evil spirit or spirit of bondage (Rom.8:15, Heb.2:14-15) to guard them from ever leaving the INC. Will they bear fruits, too? Absolutely! They will bear the fruits of unrighteousness (2 Thess.2:12). What is one of the unrighteousness that they do? They had elevated their Church of Christ idol higher than Jesus Christ as they obey Manalo's teaching of not exchanging their membership with anything in this world. They are also worshiping their Church of Christ idol every Thursdays and Sundays. Is worship of idols an unrighteous act? Absolutely (Rom.1:18).

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Lesson 25 - Unity - Part 2

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10. On James 3:14-15 - Things made carnal by divisions are things of the devil?

"But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic." -James 3:14-15 NKJV

Did the verse say, "things made carnal by divisions"? NO! What is demonic according to the verse is bitter envy, self-seeking in your hearts, and boasting and lying against the truth. We already know that liars are of the devil because the father of liars is the devil (Jn.8:44). Self-seeking in your heart is also self exaltation, which is, another trait of the devil (2 Thess.2:4; Is.14:13). Bitter envy is also a trait of the devil as he is envious of the high position of God (Is.14:14). Are these traits of the devil also the traits of Manalo? You bet. Manalo self exalted himself as God's messenger or God's Administrator on earth. Who teaches there is a Church Administrator on earth? Teacher Erano Manalo? How about bitter envy? Teacher Manalo who is envious of his Iglesia member's monies? The more monies you give, the more monies he wants. His appetite and greed for monies is the root cause of all his evil deeds. Does he want his ministers to progress in life? No! If he does, why does he pay them with alms or help or "tulong" in Philippine dialect which are only token monies thrown to somebody who is deserving to live like rats?

Manalo does not want his ministers to progress unless of course you are a descendant of the Manalo royalty. Why does he not want his ministers to progress? It is due to his bitter envy that if these ministers will have enough money, they will have the resources to bolt out from the Iglesia prison. The same is true for members. If you give all your monies to Erano then Erano has taken the power from you since he holds your monies. If Erano holds your monies, you can not disobey or displease him in any manner, otherwise, say, "Goodbye" to your monies including your lifetime works to the Iglesia. When Erano holds your monies, you will obey whatever he says because you have become Erano's hostage for salvation.

11. On 2 Cor.13:11 - In order that God remains in us, Apostle Paul advised to stay united in the Church of Christ of Manalo?

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." - 2 Cor. 13:11 NKJV

This Manalo is always trying to railroad the verses of the Scripture to his man-made doctrine of uniting with his Church of Christ. Which is this one mind or unity that is advised by Apostle Paul? Let's read:

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your minds on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion." -Rom.12:15-16 NKJV

Therefore, the same mind is the same mind toward one another. It is never a one mind with Felix Manalo or Erano Manalo and his Church of Christ. If one rejoices, you also rejoice. If one weeps, you also weep. The mind should be set not on high things but on the humble. What about in the Iglesia ni Cristo? Which same mind is Felix and Erano preaching? It is the sameness of mind of the father, son, and grandson Manalos. What is the mind of Manalo? Boastful! He boasts no one ever defeated him in public debates. Felix had set his mind on high things---he says he is the only one on earth who is given the secrets of the Bible. He will not weep with Iglesia members who have relatives that die. In fact, what Manalo does when any Iglesia member dies is he punishes the dead member by deslisting the dead member's name from the Iglesia membership rolls. What a traitor leader. But when it comes to rejoicing, such as rejoicing for the increased thanksgiving collections, he rejoices first before any one of his cult members rejoice. Count the number of his Mercedes, Cadillac's, and other high prized foreign cars in his mansion's garages. Therefore, these Manalo father and son are teaching a different mind from that which was taught by the apostles.

12. On Eph.4:4-6 - It is bad to have divisions thus losing unity in the Church of Christ because this destroys total unity in everything?

"There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." -Eph.4:4-6 NKJV

Which is this oneness or unity spoken by the verses? If we will read the upper verse (Eph.4:3), it is about the unity of the Spirit. Let's read:

"endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." -Eph.4:3 NKJV

Therefore, the unity is not unity in the Church of Christ of Manalo, but instead unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Manalo always railroads the verses towards his INC religion.

THE SEVEN ONENESS OF THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT -

1. One body - The body that is made one is Jesus Christ flesh and bones body and the bodies of His believers (Eph.5:30-32). If a husband and his wife are made one flesh, so also Christ and his church (or His believers) are also made one flesh (Eph.5:30-32). Christ and His believers have become one flesh through baptism (1 Cor.12:13 NKJV). Are Iglesia ni Cristo members in the flesh and bones body of Jesus Christ? No! They are instead in a separate body called Church of Christ (of Felix Manalo).

2. One Spirit - This one Spirit is the Holy Spirit who dwells in all God's children. It is the Holy Spirit that binds all children of God as one body of Jesus Christ. All Christians all over the world constitute the universal body of Jesus Christ as their bodies are bound as one body with Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. Are Iglesia ni Cristo members Christians? No! They are instead Manalonians as they are believers of Felix Manalo and not Jesus Christ (John 8:24). The spirit that binds them is no other than the evil spirit.

3. One hope - Which is this one hope of all Christians? Their one hope is Jesus Christ (1 Tim.1:1). Jesus Christ will come back to take them to their future heavenly abode (Eph.1:18-21). What about the hope of the Iglesia ni Cristo members? Their hope is not in Jesus Christ but in their Church of Christ idol. It is Manalo's teaching that outside the Church of Christ there is no salvation, therefore, their savior is their idol Church of Christ founded and built by Felix Manalo and not Jesus Christ.

4. One Lord - This one Lord is the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor.8:5-6). God the Father has made His Son Jesus Lord (Acts 2:36) because Christ is to gather in Himself all things in heaven and on earth (Eph.1:10) and Christ is the head of every man (1 Cor.11:3) whom all people should bow (1 Cor.14:11). In contrast, God the Father is the Lord of hosts of heaven. These hosts are God's heavenly angels (Ps.103:21; Ps.104:4).

What about the Lord of the Iglesia ni Cristo? Their lord is surely not Jesus Christ because they rather believe Manalo than Jesus Christ. In fact, they have replaced Jesus Christ as last days messenger of God (Heb.1:1-2). The Iglesia ni Cristo does not have one lord but three lords: Lord Felix Manalo, Lord Erano Manalo, and Lord Eduardo Manalo. Iglesia members follow always the teachings of these three lords. The evidences of the lordship of Manalo are the following:

Compulsion of members to attend the worship services;
Compulsion of members to give twice a year increasing thanksgiving monies, and
Compulsion to propagate Manalo's gospel

Members are required to submit their pledges of number of visitors to bring to their bible expositions and GEMs. These compulsions are clear violation of Apostle Peter's teaching against becoming lords by compulsion (1 Pet.5:3).

5. One faith - This faith is the Christian faith or faith in Jesus Christ (Gal.2:16). This is the faith that was preached by the apostles (Gal.1:16). The gospel of Jesus Christ is the gospel of peace (Rom.10:15). The gospel of Jesus is a gospel of giving liberty to captives and opening of prisons to those who are bound by Satan (Lk.4:18).

What about the faith in the Iglesia ni Cristo? It is not the faith in Jesus Christ but faith in the Church of Christ of Manalo first and foremost. It is a teaching of Manalo that you will not be saved if you will leave the Iglesia ni Cristo religion after you become a member, thereby, making the Iglesia ni Cristo their savior. The gospel that the Iglesia preaches is not the gospel of Jesus Christ but the gospel of Manalo, a gospel book written by Felix Manalo commonly called "Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ). The gospel of Manalo is about binding and putting you into prison. His prison guards are his deacons and deaconesses.

6. One baptism - This one baptism is baptism in the name of the Trinity (name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt.28:19 NKJV). Baptism is into Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit to those who trust and believe Christ. They are then united in the flesh and bones body of Christ (1 Cor.12:13; Eph.5:30-32).

What about baptism in the Iglesia ni Cristo? It is a plain water baptism in the name of the Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ of Manalo. The Iglesia baptism is uniting the bodies of Iglesia members to the Church of Christ body, which is a separate body founded and built by Felix Manalo.

7. One God and Father of all - This God is the Trinity or Godhead:
Who is above all -- The Father (Christ's Father is above all...1 Cor.15:28);
And through all -- Jesus Christ (The world is created through Jesus Christ...Col.1:16);
And in you all -- Holy Spirit (The Holy Spirit dwells in all true Christians...Rom.8:11)

What about in the Iglesia ni Cristo? Their God is their father only. Who is he? He is no other than the father of all liars, the devil (John 8:44). How many lies so far have generated by Manalo and his Iglesia ni Cristo religion? Count the stars!

Q. What are the deceptions of Manalo pertaining to his doctrine about VOTING?

A. The following are the deceptions of Manalo pertaining to voting in questions and answers format:

"VOTING

13. Q. Why does the Church Administration implement unity even in voting?

A. Let nothing be done in strife...Phil.2:2-3

Note: Whatever is being done by the members of the Church of Christ (voting included) there should be no strife or taking sides.

14. Q. How is the Church of Christ united even in voting?

A. Be perfectly of one judgment...1 Cor.1:10

15. Q. What does a citizen do when he votes? What does vote mean?

A. Expression of judgment... Webs. New Intl. Dict. p.2295

16. Q. What is the teaching of the Apostles whenever we exercise any judgment?

A. Be of one judgment...1 Cor.1:10 Goodspeed

Conclusion: Therefore, even in the exercise of suffrage we remain united because the command is to be of one judgment. Voting is an expression of judgment and thus we should be one in voting. Hence, as members of the Church of Christ, we do not select our own candidates during election time because this destroys the unity of the Church.

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, pp.107-108)

MANALO'S DECEPTIONS EXPLAINED

13. On Phil.2:2-3 - The Church of Christ's administration implements unity even in voting because the apostles commanded "Let nothing be done in strife."

"fulfill my joy by being likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." -Phil.2:2-3 NKJV

Reread the verses several times if there is such statement that says "Let nothing be done in strife." There is none! Therefore, this Manalo is a devil! He changes the Scriptures. There is no word "strife" but he says there is. Manalo exhibits the character of his devil father--- a liar. There is no patience for this deception.

According to the verse, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit." Manalo had replaced the phrase "through selfish ambition or conceit" with "through strife." Why did Manalo replaced the phrase? He replaced it because the phrase "selfish ambition" exposes Manalo's selfish ambition of obtaining political power at the expense of his members' own interests. If we will continue reading down to Verse 4, the interests of others must also be considered. Let's read:

"Let each one of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." -Phil.2:4 NKJV

Manalo violates this Verse 4 because he is working only for his own interests. He throws away the interests of his members, even subjecting them to eternal damnation. What Apostle Paul teaches is like mindedness in looking out not only for your own self interest but also for the interests of others. If you love yourself, you must also love others. This is the true concept of the Philippian verse.

14. On 1 Cor.1:10 - The Church of Christ is united even in voting because Apostle Paul commanded to be perfectly of one judgment? Let's read the verse:

"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. - 1 Cor.1:10 NKJV

What is prohibited by Apostle Paul in the verse? Apostle Paul prohibits sectarianism or segregations by sects or groups. All children of God are all baptized into Christ Jesus. As such, they are all one spirit because the Holy Spirit dwells in them. They are all joined together as one flesh and one body with Jesus Christ. The same mind and judgment is focused on Biblical teachings and keeping to the same doctrine.

How Manalo violates 1 Cor. 1:10 -

Manalo through his Iglesia ni Cristo is fomenting sectarianism by segregating his Iglesia ni Cristo sect from mainline Christianity. He is at odds with the Catholic Church. He is at odds with the Protestant Churches. He is at odds with the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Apostles. He prohibits his members from marrying Christians. What do you call a man who teaches the doctrine of the Apostles pertaining to unity of mind and judgment but he is the first who violates it? That man is a hypocrite. Therefore, Manalo is a hypocrite. He is no better than the hypocrite Pharisees. Of course, we cannot lay blame on Manalo's sectarianism because Manalo's sect is a devil planting. As such, he is united not with Jesus Christ but with the grand deceiver.

15. On meaning of vote - The word "vote" according to the New Webster's International Dictionary means "an expression of judgment"?

Manalo has used deceitfully the word "vote" in its noun usage. Why is this deceitful? It is deceitful because the vote that Manalo enforces is in its verb usage. Members are required to vote for certain candidates, therefore, they have not yet voted, but, they will still do the action of voting. The action of voting is in its verb usage.

TRUE MEANING OF VOTE OR VOTING IN ITS VERB USAGE:

--vote v. vot-ed, vot-ing, votes, --intr. 1. To express one's preference for a candidate or for a proposed resolution of an issue; cast a vote; voted yes on the motion; voting against the measure. 2. To express a choice or an opinion, --tr. 1. To express one's preference for by vote: voted the straight Republican ticket. 2. To decide the disposition of by vote, as by electing or defeating: vote in a new mayor; voted out their representative; vote down the amendment. 3. To bring into existence or make available by vote: vote new funds for a program. (American Heritage Dictionary)

As can be seen, vote in its verb usage is not an expression of judgment. Instead, vote or voting is an expression of one's preference for a candidate. There is no expression of judgment as yet because the votes of the people will be tabulated first before we will know the judgment of the people.

16. On 1 Cor. 1:10 Goodspeed - Apostles teach to be of one judgment whenever we exercise judgment?

"But I urge you all, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree in what you say, and not to allow factions among you, but to be perfectly united in mind and judgment." - 1 Cor.1:10 Goodspeed

This Manalo is really trying to change the context of the verse. He is not satisfied in using the New King James Version. He thinks he can change the context by switching to the Goodspeed translation. The verse says "agree in what you say..," Can there be agreement if members are not given the chance of expressing their preferences or their corresponding interests? No! Apostle Paul taught to look not only for your own interest but also for the interests of others. This means there must be voices given by members and they should be listened to. This necessitates individual voting by members. Such voting of preferences by members will have to be tabulated in order to know the judgment. This tabulated judgment is what all brethren should be united with.

THE VOTING OR ELECTION AS PRACTICED BY THE APOSTLES

"Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them." -Acts 6:1-6 NKJV)

As we can see from the above verses, the selection of people who will be elected to serve the brethren is left to the brethren themselves, it was never done by the Apostles. The Apostles provided only the general guidelines which are: Number of men to be selected, of good reputation, full of Holy Spirit, and full of wisdom. From these guidelines given by the Apostles, the brethren multitude had chosen the seven men who will serve the tables. Serving the tables during the Apostles' time is distribution of food and necessities by one who is sitting on the table. Transactions were done on the tables. After the seven men were chosen by the multitude of brethren, the Apostles' concurrence is automatic.

TRUE APPLICATION OF ELECTION OR VOTING

If the Apostles' principle is to be applied to the Iglesia ni Cristo, brethren members must be the one who will select the candidates for election, after of course they are given general guidelines that are based on the Bible. The brethren will state their preferences why they chose such and such candidate. This is called stating their own interests. Afterward, the brethren will vote which candidate they prefer or chose. This segment is equivalent to looking out for the interests of others. The votes are tabulated. The candidates who have the highest votes are the ones selected by the brethren. The selected candidates are the ones that will be enforced that brethren will be united with as one judgment.

Therefore, the one man selection by Dictator Erano Manalo of the candidates for bloc voting is against the teachings of the Apostles. It is against the teachings of God to look out not only for your own interests but also for the interests of others. If only one man is making the decision, then corruption, bribes, and greed for monies and power will surely reign.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 43

Lesson 26 - Judgment Day - Part 1

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Q. What is Gospel of Manalo Doctrine Lesson No. 26?

A. The following is an excerpt of Gospel of Manalo Lesson No. 26:

"LESSON NO.26 - JUDGMENT DAY

Theme: On Judgment Day there will be resurrection of the dead and the granting of inheritance to the members of the Church of Christ.

Summary - The Church of Christ believes that God has determined the Day of Judgment which will take place on the second coming of Christ. This is the great day when the Church of Christ will receive the reward promised by God -- the everlasting home for God's chosen people.

INTRODUCTION: In this world, evil and iniquity are common place. Many people of the world are under the spell of calamities, hunger, and hardships. Where will these tribulations of man lead to? What will be the end of the world? What do members of the Church of Christ expect so that in spite of what they suffer in this world they still strive to remain in the service of God?"

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, p.110)

MANALO'S DECEPTIONS ABOUT JUDGMENT DAY

Manalo's doctrine about Judgment Day is the Nirvana that all Iglesia ni Cristo members must strive for so that they will not suffer hell or the lake of fire. It is also the carrot and stick weapon of Manalo to make Iglesia members body, soul, and spirit his hostages and to inhibit them from escaping his salamander hold on their necks. Manalo has conceived an elaborate scheme by hijacking multiple verses of the Bible in order to deceive outsiders and insiders of the Church of Christ of Manalo.

For outsiders or non Iglesia members, he scares them they will go to hell if they don't become members of his Iglesia ni Cristo religion. His deception line being, "Do you want to suffer the lake of fire judgment of God or do you want to escape it? If you want to escape God's punishment, then, come aboard the Iglesia ni Cristo ark because she is today's vessel or ark of salvation as Noah's ark was then the vessel of salvation in the old world. This deception line is a concocted lie. The ark was the means of salvation in the old world but in the new world, it is Jesus Christ who is the ark or means of salvation (Acts 4:10,12).

For insiders or members of his religion, Manalo's first line of deception is this: "Do you want to remain as God's children? Then do not exchange your Iglesia memberships with anything else in this world. Watch out for the devil because the devil is a roaring lion who has the intention of devouring you or separating you from the Church of Christ." This is another concocted lie. Never did the Apostles commanded Christ's believers from exchanging their membership in the "Way." The first century Christians were never members of the supposed Church of Christ organization but were actually members of the sect called "Way" (Acts 24:14).

Manalo's second line of deception is this: "Do you want to be not cursed by God? Then fulfill your oaths until the end." (Note: Iglesia members are held defenseless because members are forced to take initial oaths at baptism followed by the required reaffirmations of oaths annually). This doctrine of swearing or taking an oath that is more than saying "Yes" or "No", is from the devil (Matt.5:37). Swearing or oath taking in any form is strictly prohibited by the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt.5:34).

Manalo's third line of deception is this: "Brethren, your Iglesia faith is dead unless you have works. Therefore, you must work, work, work, for your salvation." This is another deception. The works required by Manalo are not the works prescribed by God. The works required by Manalo are the following: Attend always the Iglesia worship services; bear fruits, meaning, produce new converts; do all the obligations you are required to do as members of the Church of Christ such as giving regularly to the offerings and thanksgiving deposits, be active in all the activities of the Church of Christ so that your life is tied up to serving God; most important work is to love the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo."

The true works required by God -

The true works required of Christians are works of the Spirit (Gal.5:22-23) or works of righteousness (Phil.1:11) which are actually good Christian conducts (Js.3:13). The number one work that Christians do is to believe in Jesus Christ (Jn.6:28-29).

How Manalo justifies the false works required of members -

Manalo justifies the works being required of members by using some verses such as Phil.2:12 NKJV which says, "work out your own salvation with trembling." This is a deception because salvation does not depend on our works (Eph.2:8-9). Why did Apostle Paul say, "work out your own salvation," when our salvation does not depend on our own works? If we will read the continuing Verse 13 (Phil.2:13), it is actually God (not ourselves) who performs the works. It is not our own will but the will of God that is at work. Manalo, being the messenger of the lies wants to impose the will of his master on his Iglesia members.

Another verse being used by Manalo to justify doing his (Manalo's) works is James 2:26 NKJV which says, "faith without works is dead." In this verse, Manalo has erred in comprehending the verse because Apostle James was talking about the similarity of faith and works with body and spirit. When the spirit is separated from the body, the body dies. Similarly, when the works is not present in one's faith, such faith is considered as dead (not lost). Therefore, if body and spirit are together, there is vibrant life. So also if faith and works are together, faith is made alive. Faith and works go hand in hand. Faith and works make a Christian alive. If Christian Danielle gives food to the hungry, Danielle's Christian faith is made alive. But, supposing she doesn't? That would not make her a non Christian, either. Everyone is given his/her own gifts by God. If Danielle's gift is not in giving to the needy, probably, Danielles gift is in teaching, or leading, or exhorting, or giving cheers or comfort. Most all works based cults misuse this verse.

Manalo's hijacking of Bible verses -

There is no Bible verse that says the Church of Christ organization of Felix Manalo will be saved on Judgment Day. Only natural persons with live souls can be saved by God from sins committed. Artificial entities created by man such as corporations are not subject to salvation by God because they do not have souls. Business corporations are only alive by operation of law of men. When you create or form a corporation, you need to draft the specifications on a piece of paper such as its name, purpose, address, incorporators, etc. When the paper is filed with appropriate fees to the government and is in accordance with the laws of that government, upon approval, such corporation becomes alive. But it is only an artificial or man-made person. But Manalo is teaching that his Iglesia ni Cristo sole corporation will be saved by God on Judgment Day. How does he do it? He hijacked verses of the Bible such as Ephesians 5:23 of Today's English Version. Let's read this verse:

"For a husband has authority over his wife just as Christ has authority over the church; and Christ is himself the Savior of the church, his body." (Eph.5:23 TEV)

How does Manalo convert the phrase, "Christ is himself the Savior of the church, his body" into "Christ is himself the Savior of the Church of Christ, his body"? He does this through his familiar question and answer jingles, as follows:

"Q. Does Jesus Christ has a church?

A. Yes, the one He built...Matt.16:18 NKJV

Q. Of the thousands of churches that have proliferated on earth, which is the real one built by Christ?

A. The Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo...Acts 20:28 Lamsa.

Q. Why do we know the Church of Christ is the only one that will be saved by Christ?

A. It is the Church of Christ which was purchased with Christ's blood...Acts 20:28 Lamsa

Q. What is the invitation of Jesus Christ to those who want to be saved?

A. Become a member by entering His fold or flock...John 10:9 Revised English Bible

Q. Which is this fold or flock that we must enter or become a member in order to be saved on Judgment Day?

A. This fold or flock is no other than the Church of Christ or Iglesia ni Cristo....Acts 20:28 Lamsa"

FALLACY OF MANALO'S JINGLES

The faith of the Iglesia ni Cristo is founded upon a sand! Which is the sand? The sand is Lamsa's Acts 20:28! On Judgment Day, will each and every Iglesia member carry the Lamsa Bible as his/her passport for salvation? If they will do that, probably, George Lamsa will be summoned if he ever wrote "Church of Christ" in his bible translation. For which George will testify, "I did not write "Church of Christ" but only "church of Christ" and really it should have been God! THEN ARREST THE CULPRIT LEADER OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO CULT FOR HIS DECEPTION! Therefore, the faith of the Iglesia ni Cristo had collapsed.

George Lamsa's translation is not based from the original Greek manuscripts but only based on a secondary source, the Peshitta. On the book cover of Lamsa's translation of the Holy Bible is imprinted the following: "GEORGE M. LAMSA'S TRANSLATION FROM THE ARAMAIC OF THE PESHITTA." Therefore, it is not from the original Greek manuscripts. All original manuscripts of the New Testament were written only in Greek. The Peshitta is only a translation in Aramaic of the Greek original. But it was translated wrong. In the Greek original manuscripts, what is written in Acts 20:28 is "ekklesia tou Theou" or church of (the) God." It was never written "ekklesia tou Christos" or church of (the) Christ."

Q. What are the deceptions of Manalo incorporated in his Gospel of Manalo Doctrine No. 26?

A. The following are his deceptions in Q & A format:

1. "Q. What did God determine to do to the world?

A. The Day of Judgment...Acts 17:31

2. Q. What is the proof that this will happen?

A. Death is also appointed by God...Heb.9:27

3. Q. When will this Day of Judgment be?

A. On the return of Christ...Jude 1:14-15

4. Q. How do we know that the Day of Judgment or end of the world is near?

A. There will be visible signs...Mt.24:6-8

Conclusion: We are very near the Day of Judgment because we have already seen the signs given by our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Q. What calamity will befall the world on the Day of Judgment?

A. The perdition of ungodly men...1 Pet.3:7,10

6. Q. But who are assured by the Bible as safe from judgment?

A. Those in Christ or the members of the Church of Christ...Rom.8:1, Mt.16:18, Rom.16:16

Conclusion: For those outside the Church will come perdition on the Day of Judgment; for the members of the Church of Christ, however, this day will be a great day of salvation."

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, pp.110-111)

EXPLANATIONS OF MANALO'S DECEPTIONS

1. On Acts 17:31 - God determined a Day of Judgment?

"because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." (Acts 17:31 NKJV)

The right word is "appointed" and not "determine." Manalo has no respect for the authority and words of God written in the Holy Scriptures. According to the verse, God will judge the world in RIGHTEOUSNESS. Which is this righteousness? Is it righteousness in the gospel of Manalo? Let's read:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written the just shall live by faith. (Rom.1:16-17 NKJV)

It is righteousness in the gospel of Christ! It is never righteousness in the gospel of Manalo or his religion and church. What if Manalo, being as cunning as the devil, would say, "The gospel we preach is also the gospel of Christ." Then, we will tell him, "If the gospel of Christ is what you preach, then why can you not refrain yourself from opening the Manalo gospel book called "Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo," which your ministers use in indoctrinating converts? Why? Why can't you trash that book into the trashcan?" Though we are sure that Erano Manalo will never junk his father's gospel book, and in fact, we can separate that book away from Erano only over his dead body, but supposing Erano complies? What shall we do then? We'll tell Erano that his job is not done yet. He has to undo what his father's gospel book had done, which is, dumping the third Iglesia ni Cristo group that Felix had created. There are only two groups that have the promise of salvation which are the Jews and the Gentiles (Acts 2:39). There is no third Iglesia ni Cristo group (Rom.9:24). Having done that, what will be his next move? He has to believe the Lord Jesus Christ and forsake his belief in his father Felix. The power of God for salvation rests on the gospel of Christ for anyone who believes. By believing Jesus Christ, one will be justified and will live. The verse saying, "the just shall live by faith," is explained as "God is the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus (Rom.3:26).

2. On Heb. 9:27 - The proof that the Day of Judgment will happen is because there is death appointed by God?

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment," (Heb.9:27 NKJV)

The verse only says that after men are appointed to die once, after that dying once, is the judgment. Therefore, men dying is not the proof that Judgment Day will happen. Judgment Day does not depend on people dying or not dying. Whether we like it or not Judgment Day will come and will come according to God's time line not when the INC says or thinks so.

3. On Jude 1:14-15 - The Day of Judgment will be upon the return of Christ?

"Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgments on all, to convict all who are ungodly among men of all their ungodly deeds, which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (Jude 1:14-15 NKJV)

The verse is not the scenario of the end of the world. Why is it so? Because the judges are the ten thousands saints that accompany Christ. So which scenario is this? It is the start of the 1,000 years reign of Christ on earth when Christ will subdue those who are alive and ungodly. It will be the imprisonment of the devil. Christ's angels will separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep (those given by God to Christ whose names are written in the Lamb's Book) will have eternal life and they will be exempted from judgment (John 5:24). How come there are ten thousands saints accompanying Christ? Who are these saints? These are the disciples of Christ who are present in the Lord but absent from their bodies. In other words, these are the living souls of the saints who will be reunited to their resurrected bodies and given instant incorruptible bodies. The goats (non believers) which unfortunately include all faithful members of the Iglesia ni Cristo of Manalo will be barred from the camp of the sheep or saints to suffer the first death. The second coming of Christ is the judgment for the living. After 1,000 years reign of Christ, the devil will be released from imprisonment. What follows will be the judgment for the dead when dead unbelievers will be resurrected to be judged by the Great White Throne according to their works (Rev.20:11-13).

Faithful Iglesia ni Cristo members will be blacklisted from the Holy City –

Will Iglesia ni Cristo members ever be allowed to enter the Holy City? Let's read the verse:

"But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life," (Rev.21:27 NKJV)

Faithful Iglesia cult members are blacklisted from entering the Holy City because Iglesia members have the upbringings that defile. Which is one example? Their failure to acknowledge the divinity of Jesus. To them, Lord Jesus Christ is just a man and not God. If He is just a man, how come he is able to save the world (1 John 2:2)? If He is just a man, how come He suffered eternal punishment for just a little while

(John 16:19) and had been able to take one of the two criminals in paradise at that moment (Luke 23:43)? For a full review of evidence on the deity of Jesus Christ please review www.dk777.com

What else are the habits of the Iglesia ni Cristo members that defile? Cowardice in leaving Manalo's religion. Their unbelieving of God and His Son Jesus Christ. Their abominable worship of their INC idol. Supposing these stubborn Iglesia members will fight with their Manalo faith that they are also listed in the Lamb's Book of Life? Then, they will be asked to produce evidence, right? The moment they produce Lamsa's Bible, they are already defeated. They will be asked, "Who told you that you are listed in the Lamb's Book of Life?" What follows is a pointing game. Members pointing to their ministers. Ministers pointing to their district supervisors. District supervisors pointing to Erano Manalo. And Erano pointing to his father Felix. Lastly, Felix will point his little finger at George Lamsa. But George Lamsa will deny having ever written the name "Church of Christ" and will accuse Felix Manalo of perverting the Lamsa rendition.

4. On Matt.24:3,33 - We know that Judgment Day is near because of visible signs?

"Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?'. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near--at the doors!" (Matt.24:3,33 NKJV)

What the Apostles had asked are two things. (1) the sign of Christ's second coming, and (2) sign of the end of the age or end of the world. What is near is the second coming of Christ. The end of the world is 1,000 years away after the second coming of Christ (Rev.20:4). Erano, being not given the secrets of the Bible, does not know that the second coming of Christ is not yet the end of the world nor does he know that there are two judgments--judgment for the living, and judgment for the dead. Judgment for the living starts immediately after Christ comes. The judgment for the living is killing of ungodly men to suffer the first death. The judgment for the dead is the resurrection of the ungodly dead to suffer the second death where their souls will also die. As soon as the saints are translated to the new earth and heaven and only the ungodly are left on the old earth, God will unleash fires from heaven and the earth and debris falling from the sky. The extreme heat will cause cataclysms and ocean waters will evaporate and the earth's core will melt together with all the ungodly to suffer the lake of fire that will ensue. The devil trinity (devil, beast, and the spirit of error) that had caused sin on earth will be thrown also in that lake of fire to finally kill this arch enemy of God forever. (Rev.20:10).

5. On Matt.24:6-8 - The visible signs that show that the Day of Judgment is approaching are the wars, earthquakes, hunger, and tribulations?

"And you will hear of wars and rumors of war. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet, for nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." (Matt.24:6-8 NKJV)

The verse says these signs (wars) are not the signs of the end of the age. Though there are already wars between nations and between kingdoms, these causes of sorrows inflicted by famines, pestilences, and earthquakes occurring at the same time or successively after one another, have yet to occur.

Passed Sign Kept Secret by Erano

There is a sign that had already passed but is being kept secret by Erano. Which is this sign that Manalo does not want members or other people to know? Let's read:

"And Jesus answered and said to them: Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am Christ,' and will deceive many." (Matt.24:4-5 NKJV)

These verses were intentionally omitted by Erano. He has a good reason for omitting to mention this sign because if he didn't he will be presenting his Church of Christ as the deceiver. Erano follows the maxim: "If you are the deceiver, don't ever tell anybody!" Does the Iglesia ni Cristo present itself as the Christ? Absolutely! When Erano uses John 10:9 as his alleged authority to require people to enter Christ via his

Church of Christ, he is presenting the Church of Christ as the Christ! The Church of Christ of Manalo has become the false Christ. What is another instance? When Erano teaches people to become branches of the vine using John 15:5 and making the Church of Christ as the vine where people must become branches of, is basically presenting the Church of Christ as Christ! Therefore, Manalo's Church of Christ is the deceiver! How many Filipinos have been deceived, so far? Millions of Filipinos and they have scattered outside the Philippines in Asia, Europe, and America. Therefore, the sign that there will be a false Christ had passed already. The deceived are the Filipinos who comprise 98% of the membership of the cult in any place.

6) On 2 Pet.3:7,10 - The calamity that will befall the world on Judgment Day is the perdition of ungodly men?

"But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the Day of Judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up." (2 Pet.3:7,10 NKJV)

This judgment is called Day of the Lord or Day of Judgment and perdition of ungodly men. In this scenario, the ungodly will be burned up together with the old earth and old heaven. The earth becomes a lake of fire with its molten rock core liquefied. Souls of ungodly men that include the deceived Iglesia ni Cristo members will finally be tortured by the heat and their bodies and souls will be tormented. The saints, however, will be given a new earth and a new heaven before burning the old earth and old heaven (Rev.21:1-2).

Why are faithful members of the Iglesia ni Cristo the ungodly? They are ungodly because they are faithful to their Iglesia ni Cristo idol! If you worship an idol, are you godly or ungodly? You are ungodly because God prohibits idolatry of other gods. Since, Iglesia members are idolaters, they are hated. They loved their Iglesia ni Cristo idol so much that they don't want to exchange it with anything else in this world. Thus, their love for their idol surpasses the love due to God. They had obeyed the commandments of that Manalo man rather than obeying the commandments of God. Instead of believing God the Father and believing Jesus Christ, God the Son, they had believed Felix Manalo and his Iglesia ni Cristo made up idol.

Why is Felix Y. Manalo a messenger of the devil? His work is about lying and deception. He lies that there were no people of God that had remained when the Apostles died. If there were no Christians in 1914, where did he get his Christian Bibles? He lies that what is written in Acts 20:28 is Church of Christ when it is not. He lies that what is written in Romans 16:16 is Church of Christ when it is not. He lies that the first century Christians were members of the organization Church of Christ when actually the Christians were members of the "Way" (Acts 9:1-2). He lies that he is God's messenger in these last days when it is the Lord Jesus Christ who is the first and the last messenger of God (Rev.1:10-11; Heb.1:1-2). He lies that the prophecies he is using are his when they are only stolen. His alleged prophecies are stolen because he can not provide any fulfillment verses on any one of them. If he is a liar, naturally, he is a messenger of the devil because his father is the devil, the father of lies (John 8:44).

7. On Rom.8:1; Mt.16:18; Rom.16:16 - Those assured or safe from judgment are the members of the Church of Christ?

"There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." (Rom.8:1 NKJV)

"And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church..., (Matt.16:18 NKJV)

"Greet each one with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you." (Rom.16:16 NKJV)

Where in the verses cited that says the Church of Christ members are safe from judgment? None! These people who don't have condemnation are those who are in Christ who walk according to the Spirit. Who are these people? Anybody can claim he is in Christ, but the problem is how can you be in Christ?

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." (John 5:24 NKJV)

These are the true people who don't have condemnation. Who are these? They are the believers of God and Christ! Who to believe is God and His Son Jesus:

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." (John 14:1-4 NKJV)

Believing God and believing His Son Jesus Christ is required. How can one become a believer?

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." (John 17:24 NKJV)

Therefore, only God can give you to Jesus Christ to become His believer. It is accomplished by confession with your mouth that Jesus is your Savior (Rom.10:9-10). Therefore, those given to Jesus Christ by God are the true children of God who are in Christ. How is it possible that the children of God are able to walk according to the Spirit? Let's read:

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." (Rom.8:14 NKJV)

Since children of God are led by the Holy Spirit, they are able to walk according to the Spirit. If you are being lead by the Spirit of God, will the evil spirit have a chance to devour you? No more! Therefore, Erano's scaring that members will be devoured by the devil is preposterous if members are really true children of God. The fact is, members were already devoured by the devil ever since they were deceived into becoming Iglesia ni Cristo cult members. Thankfully, there is always hope in God's love for all.

On Matt. 16:18 - Christ built His Church or church?

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." (Matt.16:18 NKJV)

What was built by Jesus Christ? Was it the Church of Christ as claimed by Felix and Erano? No! What is written is "My church". Erano had been changing the common noun "church" into proper noun "Church". The word "church" is not a name of a particular organization. Therefore, what was built was not the Church of Christ. If it was not the Church of Christ of Manalo that had been built, what was it then? The proper authority who can shed light on this is our Lord Jesus Christ. What is the church that was built?

"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matt.16:19 NKJV)

The church that was built is the kingdom of heaven with Christ as its King while the children of God (those who were called by God and given to Christ) comprise the people of the kingdom.

How can one enter the church or kingdom of God?

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Matt. 7:21 NKJV)

To enter the kingdom of heaven, one must do the will of God. Which is the will of God? Do not ask Erano or the Church of Christ of Manalo because they are not given the mystery of the Bible. Let's ask the Lord Jesus Christ:

"This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:39-40 NKJV)
The will of the Father is that those given to Christ should not be lost. Furthermore, it is the will of the Father that everyone sees the Son and believes in Him. To see Jesus Christ is to know His double nature

as God and as Man (John 9:35-37 NKJV) What will happen if you have seen Christ and believes Him? Well, since you have done the will of the Father, you can enter the kingdom of heaven and you can not be lost anymore.

Will faithful INC members enter the kingdom of heaven? They cannot because they are prohibited by their devil father. The devil has deceived them into believing another person by the name of Felix Y. Manalo. If they don't believe Jesus Christ but believe Felix, naturally, they can not enter the kingdom of heaven. Those who don't believe Jesus Christ are condemned already (John 3:18).

On Rom.16:16 - Name of the church that Christ built is the Church of Christ?

"Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you." (Rom.16:16 NKJV)

Before the Lamsa Translation appeared in 1957, the verse that Manalo uses to deceive members is Rom.16:16. Felix can not help but endure the shouts of "devil's play" every time he reads "churches of Christ" into "Church of Christ". His falsification is very obvious. With the coming out of the Lamsa, Felix and Erano were relieved. Now, Manalo's falsification becomes subtle. The Church of Christ's name is just one big letter C away from the written "church of Christ" of Lamsa.

Which is plural in the name "churches of Christ"? If Manalo has his way, what is plural are the INC congregations. Let's read the prior verses to know which is plural:

"Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you." (Rom.16:15-16 NKJV)

What is plural are the individual members. Only individual members can greet each one another. It is the brethren (or sometimes called churches) who are doing or sending the greetings. Every brother is a church or temple or house of God (1 Cor.3:16-17;12:27;Heb.3:6).

CONCLUSION:

Iglesia ni Cristo or Church of Christ members will not be saved on the Day of Judgment for the simple reason that their Scripture support is a fraud. What is a fraud? A fraud is one that is based on deceits, cheats, and tricks. Iglesia ni Cristo members are not in Christ because they are false believers of Christ. Actually, they are the true believers of Felix Manalo. They are the Manalonians of this world. They refuse to do the will of the Father which is to see and believe Jesus Christ. They are even repulsed to the will of the Father that His children will not be lost. Because of this, Iglesia members can not enter the kingdom of heaven. Will they be saved if they are outside the kingdom of heaven? It is a resounding "No"!

The bottom line is, since the Iglesia ni Cristo members and administrative staff including ministers deny and reject who Jesus Christ claims himself to be, they are not members of the churches of Jesus Christ.

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST OF FYM) IN A NUTSHELL, Chapter 44

Lesson 26 - Judgment Day - Part 2

By C.R. – December 8, 2003

Q. What are the other deceptions of Manalo incorporated in his Doctrine Lesson #26?

A. The following are his deceptions:

8. Q. What is the good fortune that await those in Christ on the Day of Judgment?

A. They will be resurrected first...1 Thess.4:16;

9. Q. And what will be done to those in Christ who are alive on the Day of Judgment?

A. They will be caught up together and will not die anymore...1 Thess.4:17;

10. Q. What is the promise of God to those who will be resurrected first?

A. The second death will have no power over them...Rev.20:6;

11. Q. When will the other dead be resurrected and what will be done to them?

A. After 1,000 years - they will be cast into the fire....Rev.20:5,7-10;

12. Q. Where will the members of the Church of Christ dwell and what kind of life will they lead there?

A. In the Holy City where the former things have passed away...Rev.21:1-4;

Conclusion: Therefore, our sacrifices and endurance of hardships for the sake of being members of the Church of Christ are justifiable.

13. Q. What is the responsibility of each member of the Church of Christ while waiting for the Day of Judgment?

A. He should be prepared for it...Mt.24:44;

14. Q. Why should we prepare ourselves for the Day of Judgment?

A. No one knows the day nor the hour...Mt.24:36;

15. Q. How should we prepare ourselves for the Day of Judgment?

A. We should be found in peace...1 Pet.3:14;

16. Q. What does it mean "to be found in peace"?

A. In the body or the Church...Col.3:15; 1:18;

17. Q. Thus, what is expected of us to be assured of salvation?

A. Remain until the end...Mt.24:13.

Conclusion: Whatever you will experience you should not separate from the Church of Christ. Strive that you will be found here by the time of the end so that you can be assured of salvation on the Day of Judgment.

(Fundamental Beliefs of the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ), Erano G. Manalo, 1989, pp.111-113)

DECEPTIONS OF MANALO EXPLAINED

8. On 1 Thess.4:16 - The good fortune that await the Church of Christ members is that they will be resurrected first?

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first." (1 Thess.4:16 NKJV)

The verse says, "the dead in Christ." Who are these dead in Christ who will be resurrected in the first resurrection? Let's read:

"that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
(John 3:15-16 NKJV)

These are the true dead in Christ! They are believers of Jesus Christ! Take note that it is emphasized twice that believers of Jesus Christ are the ones who have everlasting life. Why are they called "dead in Christ"? Very simple, they are true believers of Jesus Christ who have died and are then raised.

What about the Iglesia ni Cristo members? When they die, will they be dead in Christ? They won't be! They have believed another person by the name of Felix Manalo. When they die, they will be called "dead in Manalo!" If you believe not the Lord Jesus, you are condemned already (John 3:18). Therefore, instead of awaiting a good fortune, Iglesia ni Cristo members are awaiting for the lake of fire destruction. It is imperative for them to leave the INC as soon as they can.

9. On 1 Thess.4:17 - Those alive Church of Christ members will be caught up in the clouds?

"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." (1 Thess.4:17 NKJV)

Who are these who are alive and remain in Christ? We are sure that these can never be those in the Church of Christ of Manalo, otherwise, the verse should have said so. Erano is as cunning as the devil to railroad the word "remain" as "remaining in the Church of Christ". Is it so? Let's get the true context of the word "remain":

"For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless, to remain in the flesh is more needful for you." (Phil.1:23-24 NKJV)

A usage of Paul for "remain" is to remain in the flesh of body. Apostle Paul desired to depart from his body and be with Christ but it is more needful for the Christians that Apostle Paul be still alive or remain in the flesh and be with them. As we all know Apostle Paul is now absent from his body ever since he was killed in the Year 67 A.D. as he after being killed became present in the Lord.

Therefore, those who are alive and remain in Christ are those children of God who have not yet departed their bodies. These are the ones who will be caught up in the clouds.

What will happen to the faithful Iglesia ni Cristo members who are alive when Christ comes? They are included with those who will be judged in the judgment for the living. Their judgment will be harsh because they have openly denied Jesus Christ. The punishment for INC ministers will be even worse.

10. On Rev.20:6 - The promise of God to the Iglesia members is the second death has no more power over them?

"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." (Rev.20:6 NKJV)

These Iglesia ni Cristo members are living in a dream. Enough evidence has been given to show that they not will be going to the Holy City when they are destined sadly for the lake of fire. These dead in Manalo will wake up still dreaming of the promises of Felix Manalo to find out they have been conned by a con artist. It will be too late for them to find out that the sufferings they had endured in serving the Iglesia ni Cristo idol while alive is not finished yet. In this second life, they will have to endure the most extreme sufferings of them all---sufferings where their teeth will gnash due to extreme heat. What is the correct term to describe those dead in Manalo? They are among the cursed! They have been given chances to leave the Manalo cult, but, they refused to believe Jesus Christ but continued to believe the con artist.

11. On Rev.20:5,7-10 - Non Iglesia members will be cast into fire after 1,000 years were finished?

"But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. ..Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.:" (Rev.20:5,7-10 NKJV)

This is the scenario of the final judgment of those deceived by Satan which unfortunately, include the Iglesia ni Cristo members who were blocked by Satan from receiving the true gospel of Christ. All Iglesia members who have immigrated to all the four corners of the earth will be gathered after resurrection and after the judgment by the great white throne, as are all members of other cults to battle the camp of the saints. This is the camp where the Lord Jesus Christ has reigned for 1,000 years. As soon as the forces of Satan that include the deceived Iglesia members are climbing the camp, after the saints are transferred into the new earth and heaven, fire from heaven rained down on the forces of evil to devour them. The fire and debris from heaven will create a raging inferno where all indestructible things will be liquefied due to extreme heat. The old earth will become a lake of fire and all evil men including their souls, Lucifer and his angels, are punished and tormented for eternity.

12. On Rev.21:1-4 - Church of Christ members will dwell in the Holy City?

"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and first earth has passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then, I John, saw the holy city New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Rev.21:1-4 NKJV)

The Holy City is reserved for those in Christ, or believers of Christ, or those baptized by Christ with the Holy Spirit. What is the counterpart of the Holy City? It is called the Hell City! Which people are reserved to dwell in the Hell City? All those who are believers of other names other than Jesus Christ (John 3:18). To name a few, the following will dwell in the Hell City: Believers of Felix Y. Manalo, believers of Erano G. Manalo, believers of Sun Myung Moon, believers of Charles Russell, believers of Ellen G. White, etc.

Condition in the Hell City

The number one tenant in the Hell City is no other than the devil who is the master of those whom he had deceived. All those that the devil had devoured will also become tenants in the Hell City. In the Hell City, there will be no one to wipe the tears of anyone as each one is having non stop tears. Iglesia ni Cristo members will be crying why they were easily fooled by Felix Y. Manalo with his satanic lies. They will be crying non stop for the many sacrifices that got wasted in serving the Iglesia ni Cristo of Manalo who is actually a fraudulent savior. It is too late for them. And in the Hell City, there is still death waiting, which is, the second death in the lake of fire. They are all in this quagmire as the hot lake is beginning to rise up and up and there is no escape.

13. On Matt.24:44 - The responsibility of Church of Christ members while waiting for the second coming of Christ is to prepare for it?

"Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (matt.24:44 NKJV)

It is true that the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour. Everyone must prepare in order to be ready. The trouble is there are two kinds of preparation. One kind is preparation by the evil servant, and another kind is preparation by the faithful servant. What kind of preparation does the Iglesia ni Cristo have? Let's read:

"Who then is the faithful servant and wise servant, when his master made ruler over his household to give their food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over his goods, but if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,

the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matt.24:45-51 NKJV)

Based on the verses, the Iglesia ni Cristo of Manalo is the evil servant. Why? The Iglesia ni Cristo practices beatings of its members! Every worship days on Thursdays and Sundays are beating days of members. Members get beaten for not doing their duties of propagating their membership in order to gain more people into the idol worship. Members get beaten for sleeping in the worship service. Members get beaten for not doing all the commands laid down by Manalo. Members get beaten for not increasing their thanksgivings and offerings under the guise of not uniting with the Church Administration. Officers are commanded to visit all Iglesia households to make sure that each household abounds (meaning increase) in their twice a year thanksgiving offerings in order to be united with the Central Administration. This is beating and squeezing of members plain and simple. If you beat your fellow servant, it is equivalent to saying, "Anyway, the Lord Jesus Christ is not coming as yet so I have time to beat my fellow servants." What will happen to the evil servant? According to the verse, when the master comes, the evil servant will be cut in two and his portion is with the hypocrites. Manalo belongs to the hypocrites. He is telling his Iglesia members to prepare, but, he is not preparing. He continues to beat his fellow servants. Of course, the evil servant will soon be weeping and gnashing his teeth.

14. On Matt.24:36 - The reason why we must prepare is we don't know the day and hour of Judgment Day?

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only." (Matt.24:36 NKJV)

Manalo, the hypocrite, is teaching that no one knows of the day of the judgment, but he himself is not preparing. He continues to enforce the worship of the INC idol. Idol worship is hated by God. He continues to scam the monies of members. He continues to do the buying and sealing of members' souls. Member's souls are his commodities (Rev.18:13). He constantly tells members, "Do not exchange your INC memberships or else your souls will go to hell!" He teaches, "Do not be absent in our Thursday and Sunday worship services or else, you will be cursed by God!" He scolds, "Do not listen to any lies about the Iglesia ni Cristo or else, Satan will take away your salvation!" Therefore, Erano Manalo is engaged in the buying and selling of souls for his benefit alone. Like father like son.

15. On 2 Pet.3:14 - How to prepare the Day of Judgment is to be found in peace?

"Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found in peace, without spot and blameless." (2 Pet.3:14 NKJV)

Are Iglesia ni Cristo members found in peace? They are not! They are in constant fear of their INC idol. Try to hold them the whole day of Thursday and Sunday and you will witness their great fear of their INC idol. No one can hold them on those days. Not their jobs, not their friends, not their relatives, not anyone or anything in this world is able to hold them back from going to their chapels to worship their INC idol. If you hold them for 24 hours on these days of their worship, get a stethoscope and hear the snarlings of their hearts and anxiousness to get out and ran to the nearest Iglesia chapels. Therefore, these Iglesia members are not at peace. They are in turmoil inside and outside, dripping with fear.

16. On Col.3:15 and Col.1:18 - The meaning of "being in peace" is to be a member of the Church of Christ?

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and be thankful." (Col.3:15 NKJV)

"And He is the head of the body, the church....," (Col.1:18 NKJV)

Tailor Erano Manalo has sewn the two verses together in order to make a one-size-fits-all uniform for all his cult members. Did the two verses ever mention the Church of Christ? No! So, how did he magically produce Church of Christ from the verses?

He says the one body in which the Iglesia ni Cristo members are called in, is the church or Church of Christ. Erano is not scared at all of changing the Holy Scriptures! He converted "church" into "Church of Christ".

How in the world do these Iglesia members have peace by becoming Church of Christ members? It is through the tricks and fearmongering by Manalo. He tricks them into thinking the Church of Christ is the body of Jesus Christ when it is not! Which is the real body of Jesus Christ? Let's read:

"Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." (1 Cor.12:27 NKJV)

Therefore, the body of Jesus Christ are the individual members. It is not the Church of Christ of Manalo organization. What is the characteristic of these individual members who represent the body of Jesus Christ? Their characteristic is they have different function (Rom.12:4). Do Iglesia members have different function? No! All members have the same function of inviting people to their Bible deception studies. All members have the same function of giving twice a year increasing thanksgiving offerings. All members have the same function of going to their chapels to worship their INC idol. All members have the same function of giving monies irrespective of whether you are babies, infants, toddlers, male or female, black, brown, or white, sick or strong, employed or unemployed, poor or rich. What about if Erano reasons out that members also have different functions such as deacons, binhi, kadiwa, buklod, etc.? Let's read the verse if ever it did say that members can have different as well as same functions:

"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another." (Rom.12:4 NKJV)

The slick deceiver is caught in his tricks! The verse says, "BUT ALL THE MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE THE SAME FUNCTION..." so, why is Erano giving the same function to all members? His cult belongs to the devil, that's why. The devil does not stand in the truth (John 8:44). So also is Erano. What is another surefire proof that Iglesia ni Cristo members can not be the body of Jesus Christ? According to the verse, the individual members who are the body of Christ are also individual members of one another! Can any member joining the Iglesia ni Cristo become a member of the body of the minister who indoctrinates them? No! Only membership in the Iglesia ni Cristo is allowed. In the Iglesia ni Cristo, you can not join the body or become a member of Brother Joe Ventilacion or Brother Bienvenido Santiago or Sister Cristina V. Manalo, wife of Erano. Probably, if you want to become a member of Sister Cristina, that is the only time when Erano will disfellowship or expel you from his INC religion. Therefore, neither the Iglesia ni Cristo sole corporation nor the Iglesia members can be the body of Jesus Christ.

WHERE THE TRUE PEACE IS

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me, you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulations; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 NKJV)

The peace is in Jesus Christ. It is never in the Church of Christ of Manalo. What is the invitation of Jesus Christ to all especially the deceived Iglesia members? Let's read:

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls for My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matt.11:28-30 NKJV)

The invitation of Lord Jesus Christ is to come to Him. It is addressed to those who labor and are heavy laden. Who are these who are heavily laden with work? These are the Iglesia ni Cristo members! They are required by their Manalo master to work, work, work, and money deposit, money deposit, money deposit! If you have an obligation to pay, such as car loan, or mortgage loan, you pay in monthly installments with definite number of years, such as five years for a car and 10 to 30 years for a house, but, Manalo's burden is heavier than these. He requires you to deposit monies weekly not for 5 years not for 10 years, not for 30 years, but throughout your entire lifetime! And it is done weekly not monthly payments. And you didn't have a car or a house but only a promise written in the sand that he can erase anytime he wants. Therefore, is Manalo's burden a light burden or a heavy burden? It is the heaviest burden on the face of the earth.

Therefore, Iglesia members are invited by Lord Jesus to come to Him because they are heavily laden and they are not at peace. In Jesus Christ, there is peace. In Jesus Christ, the yoke is easy and the burden is light. Jesus Christ is gentle and has a lowly heart. What about Erano Manalo? Is Erano gentle when he drags members to go out the streets to get visitors to have new converts? Does Erano have a lowly heart when he exalts himself like God and answers to no one? Is Erano gentle when he commands his deacons to round up worship service escapees? Therefore, Church of Christ of Manalo members do not have rest because they are living under a totalitarian and authoritarian regime. Iglesia members are virtually slaves of Manalo. The design of all cults is for the sustainment of power, money, and control for its leader.

17. On Matt. 24:13 - What is expected of all Iglesia ni Cristo members is to remain as Church of Christ members until the end?

"But he who endures to the end shall be saved." (Matt.24:13 NKJV)

Erano has changed the verse. Who shall be saved according to the verse? Is it, he who remained in the Church of Christ, or, is it, he who endures to the end? It is the latter. Does it mean that there will be children of God who can not endure and will not be saved? No! The Apostles teach that children of God are able to endure. Let's read:

"And we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul." (Heb.10:39 NKJV)

Therefore, all children of God endure. Which is to be endured? We have to know this because Manalo has his own agenda of things to be endured by Iglesia members that come from his father's gospel book. Let's read the things to endure:

"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved." (Mark 13:13 NKJV)

What is to be endured is the hating by non Christians. Christians are hated because of Jesus Christ's name. Do non Christians such as the Muslims or the Manalonians (members of the INC of Manalo) hate very much the Christians (Catholics and Protestants or Evangelicals)? Absolutely! If these non Christians are given the chance to rule the world, it will be the return of the dark days of inquisition where the Catholics and Protestants will be torched at the stakes. To these non Christians, there is no religious freedom. To the Muslims, the true religion is their Muslim faith. To the Manalonians, the true religion is their Manalo faith. There is no open minded dialog on matters of doctrine in cults.

FINAL CONCLUSION

The command by Manalo not to separate from the Church of Christ is equivalent to nailing the coffins shut of all Iglesia ni Cristo members. The command to continue to believe Felix Manalo is the devil's weapon that serves as a barricade so that members will never believe the true Savior Jesus Christ. The Church of Christ of Manalo is a weed planted by the devil to spread works of darkness so that the people whom they victimize will not see the light. There is no salvation in the Church of Christ name but only in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (Acts 4:10-12).

You can be congratulated if you have read this entire study all the way through. If you are or were an Iglesia ni Cristo member and have read through this entire study, God bless you and thank you. Hopefully the information presented and arguments made have shown that the claims of the INC are infact false and unbiblical. There are many false religions in this world so it should be no surprise that there is another false religion called the Iglesia ni Cristo.

There are three tests that any person can make to tell whether or not a particular church or religion is a false religion. The first is, who do they teach Jesus Christ is, is he God the Son or is he only a man. If God, good, if not God, false. The second is, is there a central leader who has complete control and authority. Cults yes, not cults, no. Finally, do they claim to be the one and only true church of Christ, if yes, they are actually a false religion, if no, then that is good. If one finds themselves in a cult, you must leave, especially if the false religion teaches a false Jesus Christ.

A word from Jason Stevens (reviser)

Thanks to C.R. (Cultic Research) for all of his research and efforts in creating this most important article. I pray that God will use this document for the reformation of the INC. This work of his took many months to create and it has taken me many months to revise. His original study has been modified, without permission, in the following ways. Changes and corrections have been made in the areas of grammar, spelling, syntax and tense. The individual posts have been organized in a chapter based structure to keep unity and consistent flow. Changes to language has also been made to reduce and remove offensive terms such as cult, satan, devil and so on as applied directly to the INC. This was applied most heavily in the first half of the study but was relaxed in the second half.

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